

THORNTON

New Hampshire



*For the fiscal year ending
December 31, 1997*



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Annual Report

OF THE OFFICERS

FOR THE

Town of

THORNTON

New Hampshire



YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1997

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THE TOWN OF THORNTON
dedicates the 1997 Town Report to:



Evelyn Merrill Benton

Born the daughter of John and Roxcy Merrill, Evelyn has lived her lifetime in Thornton where she and her husband, Scott, raised five children. The youngest, Alton, has been a Selectman of Thornton for several years.

A few years ago, Evelyn was voted to be the Town Historian. She has collected and cataloged many pictures and items of interest about the town.

She still lives in the house which she and Scott moved into over fifty years ago and is constantly working on her needlecraft and tending her houseful of flowers.



Thank you Evelyn,
for all the hours you have contributed for the benefit of this town.

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INFORMATION FOR VOTERS

Thornton 1st Grant in 1763

Thornton was incorporated as a town in 1781.

Location: Midway of the Pemigewasset Valley between Plymouth and the Franconia Notch.

Population: 1997 - 1,581

Registered Voters: 1,364

Area: 32,640 Acres of which 15,475 are Public Lands.

Altitude: From 555 to 2,610 Feet.

Selectmen meet Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall

Phone: 726-4232

State Senator: Edward "Ned" Gordon

U.S. Senator: Bob Smith

Representative in the General Court: P. Ken Chase, RFD #1 P.O. Box 989, Campton, NH 03223

Sid Lovett, P.O. Box 690, Holderness, NH 03245

Representative in Congress: Charles Bass, Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Annual Town Meeting: Second Tuesday in March with Warrant Articles on the Saturday following. The Non-Partisan Town Ballot is used. Filing fee \$1.00. See the Town Clerk if you are a candidate for Town Office.

Town Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Phone: 726-4232, Check at Town Office for any changes.

Grafton County Sheriff's Department: Watts 1-800-552-0393

Anyone who wishes to contact a Selectman during the day may contact the Town Office at 726-4232.

Campton-Thornton Fire Department 1-524-1545

Thornton Police Department 726-4222

THORNTON TOWN OFFICES

Board of Selectmen

Alton G. Benton, Chairman
William D. Walker
Phyllis Buckner

Town Clerk

Irma M. Gross
726-4232

Town Treasurer

Rebecca Farnsworth
726-4232

Tax Collector

Barbara Sellingham
726-4232

Police Chief

Walter Joyce, Chief
911

Road Agent

Neil Robertson
726-4463

Overseer Of Public Welfare

Marianne Peabody
726-4232

Health Officer

Marianne Peabody
726-4232

Moderator

Robert Gannett

Thornton Fire Commissioners

Keith Byerly, Ann Marie Foote

Emergency Management

Director
Ellen Edershein

Library Trustees

Nancy K. Ciastiano,
Donnie Hughes,
Eileen Woolfenden

Librarian

Kathy Uhlman, John Hansen

Trustee of Trust Funds/

Cemetery Trustees

Duncan Booth Chairman,
Phyllis Holbrook,
Geraldine A. Benton

Supervisors

of the Checklist

Flora Boyce,
Josephine Hines,
Denise Downing

Planning Board

Duncan Booth, Chairman

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Paul White, Chairman

Conservation Committee

Robin Ling,
Steve Morton,
Thomas Anderson

Superintendent of Cemeteries

Bradford Benton
726-3636

Transfer Station & Recycling Center

Joan Marshall
726-7713

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

MARCH 11, 1997

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON IN THE COUNTY OF GRAFTON IN SAID STATE, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE THORNTON MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN SAID THORNTON ON TUESDAY, THE ELEVENTH DAY OF MARCH 1997 AT 8:00 A.M. OF THE CLOCK TO ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS: THE POLLS NOT TO CLOSE EARLIER THAN 7:00 P.M. ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO BE CAST AT 2:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1. TO CHOOSE ALL NECESSARY TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

TO CHOOSE A SELECTMEN FOR THREE YEARS.
(PHYLLIS J. BUCKNER 318 ROBERT"BOB"FRASER 170)

TO CHOOSE A TAX COLLECTOR FOR ONE YEAR
(SHERYL R. LANGMAID 150 BARBARA SELLINGHAM 314)

TO CHOOSE AN OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE FOR ONE YEAR
(MARIANNE PEABODY 432)

TO CHOOSE A LIBRARY TRUSTEE FOR THREE YEARS
(EILEEN WOOLFENDEN 412)

TO CHOOSE A LIBRARY TRUSTEE TWO YEARS.
(NANCY K. CRISTIANO 410)

TO CHOOSE A TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS FOR THREE YEARS
(GERRI ANN BENTON 429)

TO CHOOSE A CEMETERY TRUSTEE FOR THREE YEARS
(GERRI ANN BENTON 422)

TO CHOOSE AN AUDITOR FOR TWO YEARS
(CAROL O'HAIRE 384)

TO CHOOSE A SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECK LIST FOR ONE YEAR.
(DENISE M. DOWNING 422)

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES, WILL BE TAKEN UP DURING THE BUSINESS MEETING BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M. ON THE 15TH DAY OF MARCH 1997 AT THE THORNTON CENTRAL SCHOOL.

ARTICLE 2. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$14,998.00 FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PINE GROVE, MAD RIVER, AND OTHER TOWN CEMETERIES. OF THAT AMOUNT \$2300 IS INCOME TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS, WITH THE BALANCE OF \$12,698 TO COME FROM GENERAL TAXATION. "(THE SELECTMEN RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE.)"

THE MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED AND THIS ARTICLE WAS PASSED AS WRITTEN.

ARTICLE 3. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$6,200.00 FOR AN AUTOMATED COMPUTERIZED CATALOGING AND CIRCULATION SYSTEM, TO INCLUDE SOFTWARE, LICENSES, TRAINING, AND NECESSARY HARDWARE TO OPERATE THE SYSTEM. " (THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES RECOMMEND THIS APPROPRIATION.) " (SELECTMEN RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE.)"

THE MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED AND THIS ARTICLE WAS PASSED AS WRITTEN.

ARTICLE 4. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE FOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR CEMETERIES , THE SUM OF (\$6,002.00). "(THE TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE.)" " (THE SELECTMEN RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE.)"

THE MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED AND THIS ARTICLE WAS PASSED AS WRITTEN.

ARTICLE 5. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF (\$58,500.00) FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT ON THE COLD SPRING HIGH BROOK ROAD AND A SECTION NEAR THE SIX MILE BRIDGE. "(THE SELECTMEN RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE.)"

THE MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED AND THIS ARTICLE WAS PASSED AS WRITTEN.

ARTICLE 6. TO SEE IF THE TOWN OF THORNTON WISHES TO AMEND THE EXISTING AGREEMENT UNDER SECTION 218 OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT BY EXCLUDING THE SERVICES PERFORMED BY ELECTION WORKERS FOR A CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH THE REMUNERATION PAID FOR SUCH SERVICE IS LESS THAN \$1,000.00.

THE MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED AND THIS ARTICLE WAS PASSED AS WRITTEN.

ARTICLE 7. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$16,000.00 TO BE ADDED TO THE EXISTING FIRE TRUCK CAPITAL RESERVE FUND, AND DESIGNATE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AS AGENTS TO EXPEND SAID FUND. "(THE SELECTMEN RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE.)"

AFTER AN EXPLANATION BY ANN MARIE FOOTE, FIRE COMMISSIONER AND GERRI ANN BENTON, TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS, THE MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED AND THIS ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN.

ARTICLE 8. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,000 TO BE ADDED TO THE EXISTING SALT/SAND SPREADER AND TRUCK CAPITAL RESERVE FUND, AND DESIGNATE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AS AGENTS TO EXPEND SAID FUND. "(THE SELECTMEN RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE.)"

THE MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED AND THIS ARTICLE WAS PASSED AS WRITTEN.

ARTICLE 9. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL ESTABLISH A STUDY COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF THE TOWNS OF CAMPTON AND THORNTON ESTABLISHING THEIR OWN AMBULANCE SERVICE THROUGH THE CAMPTON THORNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE COMMITTEE WOULD CONSIST OF THREE MEMBERS FROM CAMPTON AND THREE MEMBERS FROM THORNTON APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN . THE COMMITTEE WILL REPORT BACK TO THE SELECTMEN WITH THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR'S TOWN MEETING.

WALTER JOYCE QUESTIONED WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO PREVIOUS STUDY COMMITTEE, GERRI ANN BENTON ALSO QUESTIONED NEED FOR THE STUDY. ANN MARIE FOOTE, FIRE COMMISSIONER EXPLAINED THE FURTHER NEED FOR STUDY ON THE NEED FOR TOWNS TO GO IN THIS DIRECTION. THE MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED AND THIS ARTICLE WAS PASSED AS WRITTEN.

ARTICLE 10. "TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO CONDITIONALLY ACCEPT THE DEDICATION AS A CLASS V TOWN ROAD OF A PORTION OF A ROAD AT THE END OF THE COUNTRY ACRES SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS UPPER TECUMSEH VIEW ROAD, FROM THE POINT WHERE THE ROADS INTERSECTS WITH BANJO DRIVE TO, AND INCLUDING, THE CUL DE SAC AT THE END, A DISTANCE 600 FEET, MORE OR LESS. THE CONDITION OF THIS ACCEPTANCE IS THAT THE ROAD MUST BE CONSTRUCTED TO APPLICABLE TOWN STANDARDS, INCLUDING THE APPLICATION OF HOT TOP, BY DECEMBER 31, 1997 AND THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MUST CERTIFY THAT THE ROAD HAS BEEN SO CONSTRUCTED FOR THIS ACCEPTANCE TO BECOME FINAL. IF ACCEPTANCE HAS NOT BECOME FINAL BY DECEMBER 31, 1997 THIS VOTE SHALL LAPSE AND BE OF NO FURTHER FORCE AND EFFECT."

THE MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED AND THIS ARTICLE WAS PASSED AS WRITTEN.

ARTICLE 11. "TO SEE IF THE TOWN OF THORNTON WILL VOTE TO CONDITIONALLY ACCEPT THE DEDICATION, AS A CLASS V TOWN ROAD OF THE COVERED BRIDGE ROAD IN THE WOODS AT MILL BROOK SUBDIVISION, INCLUDING THE COVERED BRIDGE OFF MILL BROOK ROAD. THIS IS A GRAVEL ROAD APPROXIMATELY 1.7 MILES LONG. THE CONDITIONS OF THIS ACCEPTANCE ARE THAT THE ROAD MUST BE CONSTRUCTED TO APPLICABLE TOWN STANDARDS, BUT WITH ANY PAVING TO BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN; FURTHER, THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DETERMINE THAT THE CARRYING CAPACITY AND CONDITION OF THE COVERED BRIDGE IS ACCEPTABLE, BASED ON THE RESULTS OF AN INSPECTION AND REPORT, TO BE PROVIDED AT THE EXPENSE OF THE WOODS AT MILL BROOK PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, TO BE DONE BY AN ENGINEER CHOSEN BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND LICENSED BY THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE. IF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DO NOT CERTIFY BY DECEMBER 31, 1998 THAT THE ABOVE CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE HAVE BEEN MET, THIS VOTE SHALL LAPSE AND BE OF NO FURTHER FORCE AND EFFECT."

THE MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO POSTPONE THIS ARTICLE INDEFINITELY. THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED BY "NO" VOTE. THE MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED AND THE ARTICLE WAS PASSED AS WRITTEN.

ARTICLE 12. "TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,168,482.00, WHICH REPRESENTS THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR 1997. THIS AMOUNT DOES NOT INCLUDE APPROPRIATIONS MADE IN INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES." (THE SELECTMEN RECOMMEND THIS APPROPRIATION.)"

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE BY ROBERT FRASER THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT UNDER GENERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE PROPOSED 1997 OPERATING BUDGET BE INCREASED BY \$6,600.00, THIS AMOUNT TO BE MADE UP OF THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GENERAL GOVERNMENT - 4150-4151 -FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION: REDUCE SALARY OF ELECTED AUDITORS TO A TOTAL OF \$100. -\$2,300, ADD \$6,000. TO COVER PROFESSIONAL AUDIT OF 1997 FISCAL YEAR, ADD \$1,000. TO COVER EARNED FRINGE BENEFITS FOR TAX COLLECTOR, -4196- INSURANCE: ADD \$1,900. FOR ADJUSTMENT TO WORKER'S COMPENSATION PREMIUMS.

THE MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO CHANGE THE FIGURE TO \$1,175,082.00 UNDER ARTICLE 12 AND THE ARTICLE WAS PASSED AS AMENDED.

ARTICLE 13 TO TRANSACT ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE THIS MEETING.

BARBARA SELLINGHAM WAS WELCOMED AS THORNTON'S NEW TAX COLLECTOR.

PHYLLIS BUCKNER WAS GIVEN A PLAQUE AND FLOWERS FOR HER YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS TAX COLLECTOR AND WELCOMED AS THORNTON'S NEW MEMBER ON THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

ROBERT FRASER WAS GIVEN A GIFT FOR HIS SERVICE AS SELECTMAN.

THIS MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11:00A.M.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION**Municipal Services Division****Concord, NH 03302-1122****1997 TAX RATE CALCULATION****— TOWN/CITY OF THORNTON —****TAX RATES**

Appropriations	1,278,782
Less: Revenues	569,690
Less: Shared Revenues	2,632
Add: Overlay	74,267
War Service Credits	16,500.00

Net Town Appropriation	797,227
Special Adjustment	0.00

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	797,227.	
Municipal Tax Rate		6.54

— SCHOOL PORTION —

Due to Local School	1,588,359.00
Due to Regional School	668,578.00
Less: Shared Revenues	20,877.00

Net School Appropriation	2,236,060.00
Special Adjustment	0.00

Approved School(s) Tax Effort	2,236,060.	
School(s) Tax Rate		18.33

— COUNTY PORTION —

Due to County	173,435.00
Less: Shared Revenues	2,044.00

Net County Appropriation	171,391.00
Special Adjustment	0.00

Approved County Tax Effort	171,391.00	
County Tax Rate		1.40

— COMBINED TAX RATE —**26.27**

Total Property Taxes Assessed	3,007,140.00
Less: War Service Credits	(16,500.00)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	163,505.00
Total Property Tax Commitment	3,351,683.00

— PROOF OF RATE —

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
121,990,037.00	26.27	3,204,678

— WATERVILLE ESTATES —

Name	Net Appropriation	Valuation	Tax Rate	Commitment
Waterville Est	163,439.00	7,292,800	22.42	163,505
Total Village District Commitment				163,505 =====

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1997**

	<u>Appropriation</u>	Reimbursements Receipts Carry Overs	Expenditures
Executive	67,405	0	67,110
Election & Registrations (MV)	13,536	174,717	13,504
Financial Administration	63,960	6,796	69,950
Reappraisal of Property	500	83,430	83,930
Legal Expenses	6,500	0	3,310
Personnel Administration	48,447	11,249	59,792
Planning & Zoning	12,228	2,889	10,842
General Government & Building	11,730	0	12,784
Cemeteries	14,998	2,383	14,460
Insurance	33,956	4,656	35,396
Advertising & Regional Association	2,686	0	2,686
Map	1,000	0	2,196
Perambulate	1	0	0
Contingency	9,000	0	0
Police Department	170,968	6,437	172,557
Ambulance	17,492	0	17,492
Fire Department	50,154	17	50,095
Building Inspection	1,000	1,095	830
Other (Public Safety)	3,000	5,000	3,043
Town Maintenance - 911	100	0	2,708
Highways (FEMA)	416,078	66,248	477,642
Recycle	159,251	96,078	137,446
Pemi Baker Solid Waste Dues	172	0	279
Health Agencies & Hospital	15,993	0	15,006
General Assistance (Welfare)	27,967	448	19,371
Parks & Recreation	950	0	850
Libraries	26,648	10,899	23,865
Patriotic Purposes	400	0	100
Principal Loan Term Loans	30,000	0	30,000
Interest Long Term Loans	12,210	0	12,930
Interest Tans	25,000	0	11,613
Land	6,002	1,400	7,952
New Equipment	11,450	3,100	9,586
Truck/Salt-Sand Spreader Cap. Res.	2,000	0	2,000
Fire Truck Capital Reserve	16,000	0	16,000
Other	0	254,334	0
TOTAL	<u>1,278,782</u>	<u>731,176</u>	<u>1,387,325</u>

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON

Name and Purpose of Trust Fund	P R I N C I P A L			I N C O M E		
	Balance 1/1/97	Added In 1997	Balance 12/31/97	Balance 1/1/97	Income 1997	Expended 1997
Perpetual care fds in Fidelity stock and capital gains in bank CD 1997 capital gains	12,785.49	524.16	13,309.65	75.38	868.05	866.09
				77.34	13,386.99	
Perpetual care fds in bank CD	7,000.00		7,000.00	556.67	430.48	411.36
				575.79	7,575.79	
Town Cemetery Maintenance Trust						
Lot sales, income/general care	10,975.00		10,975.00	1.61	655.10	650.38
				6.33	10,981.33	
W. Lee Trust for general care'MRC						
Fidelity stock and cap. gains	6,718.90	275.52	6,994.42		455.25	455.25
1997 cap. gains						6,994.42
W. Lee Trust for Thornton Library						
Fidelity stock and cap. gains	6,718.90	275.52	6,994.42		455.25	455.25
1997 cap. gains						6,994.42
I. Ham Memorial Tr. -purchase bks.	1,000.00		1,000.00		60.00	55.28
C. Ham Memorial Tr. purchase bks.	1,000.00		1,000.00		60.00	55.28
					4.72	1,004.72
J. Robbins Memorial Tr. , Income to reduce taxes	143,462.87					
Sold MCN & ComEnergy stock/gains		3,225.51	146,688.38	27.46	8,463.96	8,126.35
				365.07	147,053.45	
TOTALS	189,661.16	4,300.71	193,961.87	661.12	11,448.09	11,075.24
				1,033.97	194,995.84	

REPORT OF THE CAPITAL RESERVES OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON

Date of Creation	Name of Fund	How Invested	Balance 1/1/97	New Funds	Withdrawals 1997	Balance 12/31/97	Balance 1/1/97	Income 1997	Expended 1997	Accumulated Interest	Balance 12/31/97
1/2/91	Landfill - Pope parcel	Bk deposit	11,560.00		2,210.00	9,350.00	571.84	458.83	571.84	458.83	9,808.83
1/2/91	Steele Bridge - new bridge	Bk. CD	10,000.00			10,000.00	2,599.34	770.35	.00	3,369.69	13,369.69
1/2/91	Truck/Salt/Sander for purchase	Bk. Deposit	5,945.75	2,000.00		7,945.75	1,061.88	381.14	.00	1,443.02	9,388.77
1/2/91	Fire Dept. for purchase of new truck	Bk. CDs	30,000.00	16,000.00		46,000.00	3,429.75	2,434.16	.00	5,863.91	51,863.91
1/2/91	Thornton School Dist. for Special Ed.	Bk. CD	48,058.37			48,058.37	7,340.34	2,983.14	.00	10,323.48	58,381.85
12/2/93	Property Revaluation	NHFD, Pool	94,000.00		61,984.58	32,015.42	7,752.99	4,203.16	11,956.15	.00	32,015.42
TOTALS			199,564.12	18,000.00	64,194.58	153,369.54	22,756.14	11,230.78	12,527.99	21,458.93	174,828.47

This is to certify that the information contained in these reports was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS, THORNTON

February 9, 1998

Apple B. B. B. B.

Marlene A. B. B. B.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

During 1997, the expansion of the Mad River Cemetery was completed with the establishment of a new road and exit, installation of fencing around the new section, and conversion of one of the old entries to a walking entry.

A new fence was installed at the Blake Yard Cemetery, and improvements were made to the road at Pine Grove Cemetery.

In addition to accomplishing the aforementioned, our Superintendent continued to maintain all the town's cemeteries in a very capable manner.

We encourage everyone to review the new rules and regulations as they apply to the Thornton Cemeteries. A copy may be obtained from the Trustees, or the Superintendent of Cemeteries. A copy is also on file at the Town Office.

Thornton Cemetery Trustees

Duncan W. Booth

Phyllis B. Holbrook

Geraldine A. Benton

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1997**

DESCRIPTION	VALUE
Town Hall, Lands & Buildings	\$311,149.00
Furniture & Equipment	31,500.00
Libraries, Lands & Buildings	
Furniture & Equipment	9,825.00
Police Department, Land & Buildings	
Equipment	37,500.00
Fire Department, Lands & Buildings	105,900.00
Equipment	1,000.00
Highway Department, Lands & Buildings	
Equipment	37,900.00
Materials & Supplies	3,000.00
Park, Commons And Playgrounds	35,000.00
School, Lands & Buildings, Equip. 6.35ac.	2,357,000.00
16-1-6 Landfill 21.00ac. +/-	171,600.00
All Land & Buildings Acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds:	
5.9 Acres Hill & Hiltz Land	24,000.00
10 Acres W. Wallace Heirs	1,000.00
.25 Acres W. Spiratos (Battenti)	250.00
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Total	\$3,125,92.00

**COMPARATIVE VIEW
TAX RATE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS
TOWN OF THORNTON**

— RATES —

Unit of Government	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
Municipal	6.54	3.85	3.95	4.38	4.42
County	1.40	1.06	1.15	1.07	1.12
School	18.33	13.73	13.00	12.33	11.19
Comb. Rates	<u>\$26.27</u>	<u>\$18.64</u>	<u>\$18.10</u>	<u>\$17.78</u>	<u>\$16.73</u>

— RATES—

Unit of Government	1992	1991	1990	1989	1988
Municipal	4.28	4.08	3.70	\$3.69	\$5.23
County	1.25	1.04	.90	.84	1.35
School	10.34	9.87	9.13	7.03	12.35
*Comb. Rates	<u>\$15.87</u>	<u>\$13.82</u>	<u>\$11.56</u>	<u>\$18.93</u>	

(Precincts and Single School Districts, Towns and Cities)

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
Year Ending December 31, 1997

Filing Fee	14.00
Landfill	15,,281.00
Dogs	1,374.00
Building Permits	1,095.00
Copy Machine	350.32
Vital Copies	68.00
Marriages	494.00
Motor Vehicle	172,767.00
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	\$191,443.52

Remitted To The Treasurer

Filing Fee	14.00
Landfill	15,281.20
Dogs	1,374.00
Building Permits	1,095.00
Copy Machine	350.32
Vital Copies	68.00
Marriages	494.00
Motor Vehicle	172,767.00
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	\$191,443.52

**TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997**

Cash on hand January 1, 1997:

Checking	(3,102.70)	
Moneymarket	<u>190,516.04</u>	
		187,413.34

Receipts:

Selectmen	2,275,358.19	
Tax Collector	2,460,682.40	
Town Clerk	<u>175,067.36</u>	
		4,911,107.95

Payments:

Selectmen		4,624,995.62
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End of year balance December 31, 1997:

Checking	(28,450.74)	
Closure Grant - CD	42,326.38	
Moneymarket	<u>459,650.03</u>	
		<u>\$ 473,525.67</u>

**TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY
LANDFILL/CLOSURE BOND
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997**

Cash on hand January 1, 1997: **\$ 77,839.19**

Receipts:

Selectmen	1,882.39
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Payments:

Selectmen	51,449.62
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End of year balance December 31, 1997: **\$ 28,271.96**

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca D. Farnsworth
Treasurer

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Looking back at the past year the Board of Selectmen have found a point of discontentment with the recent revaluation of our Town. Unfortunately this task was not completed due to delays of State scheduling until November which made it very difficult in getting the final 1997 tax bills out.

The revaluation brought our total property equalization from 151% to the current 100%. In doing this we lost 42 million dollars in our property tax base. The end result being we still need to raise as appropriated in our school and town meetings the amount of 3,137,314.00. Moreover, this increased our tax rate from 18.64 to 26.27 per thousand.

The Board of Selectmen realize the hardship this revaluation brings to many taxpayers.

On a positive note, the Town will again receive State Revenue through the Highway Block Grant this will enable us to improve our roads without impacting the tax rate.

Also, in September the Town of Thornton received a grant and was recognized by the State of New Hampshire for our efforts in the landfill closure. They felt our closure should be used as an example for other towns in their closure process.

Finally, the year past has brought new and updated technology to our town hall. Our new software is enabling us to more efficiently service the people of Thornton., which in turn will hopefully contribute in holding our tax rate down.

Respectfully,

Thornton Board of Selectmen

Alton G. Benton, *Chairman*

William D. Walker

Phyllis J. Buckner

**SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT WITH
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Balance Due School District 1/1/97

97 Appropriation	\$2,227,649.00	
98 Appropriation	2,236,060.00	
	<hr/>	4,463,709.00

Payments to School District	1,117,395.00	
98 Appropriation	1,092,000.00	
	<hr/>	3,301,395.00

Balance Due School Districts —12/31/97 1,162,314.00

Alton Benton, Chair.
William Walker
Phyllis Buckner

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

ACCOUNT NUMBER	AMOUNT RECEIVED
1080-91 Overpayments - Property Tax	531.66
2230-10 Tax Anticipation Note Payable Pemigewasset National Bank	1,801,000.00
TAX COLLECTOR	
3110-10 Property Tax - Current Year	1,738,173.31
3110-11 Property Tax - Previous Year	339,908.87
3110-12 Property Tax - Liens	250,156.09
3185-10 Yield Tax - Current Year	12,049.07
3189-00 Betterment Tax	883.44
3189-11 Betterment Tax - Previous Year	1,949.28
3191-10 Interest & Costs - Property Tax - Current Year	4,804.38
3191-11 Interest & Costs - Property Tax - Previous Year	31,316.69
3191-12 Interest & Costs - Property Tax - Liens	80,213.63
3197-10 Interest - Betterment Tax	37.01
3197-11 Interest - Betterment Tax - Previous Year	419.87
3198-00 Interest - Yield Tax	722.79
3199-00 Overpayments	47.97
	2,460,682.40
3199-11 Yield Tax Advance Saunders Brothers	2,050.00
TOWN CLERK	
3220-10 MV Registration Fee	172,767.04
3290-10 Dog License Fees	1,374.00
3290-20 Marriage License Fees	494.00
3290-30 Certificates - Birth & Death	68.00
3290-40 Filing Fees	14.00
3509-30 Copy Machine Income	350.32
	175,067.36
3230-10 Building Permit Fees	1,095.00
3290-60 Planning Board - Fees	1,868.90
3290-61 Planning Board - Regulations	20.00
3290-70 Land Use Change - Application Fee	40.00
3351-10 NH Shared Revenue Block Grant State of New Hampshire	50,632.29

3353-10	NH Highway Block Grant		
	State of New Hampshire		59,636.18
3356-10	State & Federal Forest Reimbursement		
	US Treasury	11,333.00	
			11,333.00
3357-10	Flood Control Reimbursement		
	State of New Hampshire		6,504.00
3359-10	Other State Grants & Reimbursements		
	State of New Hampshire		42,023.84
3379-10	Recycle/Landfill - Town Reimbursements		
	Town of Ellsworth (1996)	262.37	
	Town of Ellsworth (1997)	1,703.07	
	Town of Campton	71,890.16	
			73,855.60
3404-10	Recycle/Landfill - Disposal Charges		5,281.20
3404-20	Recycling Income		
	Central Metal Recycling	484.30	
	Ecosmith	203.40	
	Ferco Recycling	5,735.92	
	NE Resource Recovery	217.63	
			6,641.25
3504-10	Police Fines and Fees		6,436.76
3506-15	Insurance - Dividend		
	NHMA Property Liability Trust		4,053.17
3506-20	Unemployment Compensation - Dividend		
	CFNH/UC		602.43
3509-10	Miscellaneous Revenue		
	Checklist/Labels	40.00	
	Adelphia	6,520.52	
	Equal Net	6.20	
	Campt/Thorn Fire Dept ('96 reimbursement)	451.60	
	M. & B. Patterson (welfare donation)	45.00	
	Town of Thornton	384.81	
			7,448.13
3509-20	Interest - Money Market		
	Pemigewasset National Bank		1,482.48
3509-22	Interest - Closure Grant CD		
	Pemigewasset National Bank		302.54
3710-10	Welfare Reimbursements		447.59
3909-25	Redeposit Fee (Returned Checks)		99.00

3909-25	Transfers from Trustees of Trust Funds		
	Jennie Robbins Memorial Fund	8,126.35	
	Other Cemetery Funds	2,383.08	
			10,509.43
4150-50	Office Expense - Supplies & Repairs		
	John Robertson	300.00	
	NHMA	25.00	
	J. Hines	10.00	
			335.00
4150-54	Office Expense - Town Reports		
	Campton Printing & Design		461.38
4152-10	Reappraisal of Property		
	Trustess of Trust Funds		83,430.15
4155-20	Health/Dental Insurance - Town Share (Reimbursement)		
	John McKinnon	4,817.10	
	Alton Benton	1,852.32	
	Phyllis Buckner	1,081.90	
	Neil Robertson	3,498.12	
			11,249.44
4220-10	Fire Department		
	Campton-Thornton Fire Dept.		17.36
4299-10	Public Safety - Other		
	US Treasury		3,000.00
4312-30	Highway Salt & Sand		
	K. Benton		108.00
4323-20	Recycle - Building & Utilities		
	George Humphrey		300.00
4550-20	Library		
	Thornton School District	10,531.00	
	Thornton Public Library	367.95	
			10,898.95
4901-00	Land		
	Trustees of Trust Funds (Recycle/Landfill)	3,642.00	
	N.H. Public Deposit Investment Pool - Pope	2,900.00	
			6,542.00
4901-11	Land - Interest		
	Trustees of Trust Funds (Recycle/Landfill)		571.84
4902-10	New Equipment		
	Thornton School District		3,100.00
9900-00	Transfers From Other Bank Accounts		
	N.H. Public Deposit Investment Pool - Closure		51,449.62
TOTAL RECEIVED TO DATE			\$4,911,107.95

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS **YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997**

ACCNT. NUMBER	ACCNT. TITLE PAID TO	YTD TOTAL	TOTAL YTD PAID	YTD TOTAL APPROP.
1010-00	PETTY CASH		100.00	
1080-90	DISCOUNTS, ABATEMENT		6,415.56	
1080-91	OVERPAYMENTS - PROPERTY TAX		3,113.73	
2230-10	NOTE PAYABLE - TAX ANTICIPATION			
	Pemigewasset Nat'l Bank		644,000.00	
3199-11	YIELD TAX ADVANCE			
	Sauders Brother		550.00	
4130-10	11,400 PAYROLL - SELECTMEN			
	William Walker	3,800.00		
	Phyllis Buckner	3,800.00		
	Alton Benton	3,800.00		
			11,400.00	
4130-20	20,604 PAYROLL - ADMIN. ASSISTANT			
	Irma Gross		20,607.60	
4130-30	25,331 PAYROLL - OFFICE MANAGER			
	Arthur L. Gross		25,334.40	
4130-40	9,570 PAYROLL - SUPPORT STAFF			
	Marianne Peabody		9,568.00	
4130-50	200 MODERATOR			
	Robert Gannet		200.00	
4130-60	300 EXPENSES FOR SELECTMEN			
			0.00	
	67,405 TOTAL EXECUTIVE (4130)			67,110.00
4140-10	7,636 PAYROLL - TOWN CLERK			
	Irma Gross		7,636.00	
4140-11	1,000 PAYROLL - DEPUTY TOWN CLERK			
	Barbara Sellingham	1,000.00		
	Sheryle R. Langmaid	585.01		
			1,585.01	

4140-15	3,500	COMMISSIONS - MOTOR VEHICLES		
		Irma Gross	3,160.50	
				3,160.50
4140-17		COMMISSIONS - DOGS		
		Irma Gross		245.00
4140-25	1,400	ELECTION EXPENSES		
		Ann Marie Foote	25.00	
		Denise Downing	96.00	
		Flora Boyce	60.00	
		Josephine Hines	291.00	
		Marolyn Fillion	66.00	
		Mary W. Mayshark	71.50	
		Nancy Byerly	71.50	
		PES Foodservice	109.00	
		White Mtn. Publishers	87.04	
				877.04
	13,536	TOTAL ELECTION, REGISTRATIONS (4140)		13,503.55
4150-10	19,200	PAYROLL - TAX COLLECTOR		
		Phyllis Buckner	6,964.00	
		Barbara Sellingham	12,810.00	
				19,774.00
4150-11	3,500	PAYROLL - DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR		
		Sheryle Langmaid	754.00	
		Susan Dumont	26.00	
		Phyllis Buckner	1,401.28	
		Barbara Sellingham	403.00	
				2,584.28
4150-15		COMMISSIONS - TAX COLLECTOR		
		Phyllis Buckner	158.00	
				158.00
4150-20	2,500	PAYROLL - TREASURER		
		Rebecca D. Farnsworth		2,500.00
4150-21	6,240	PAYROLL - BOOKKEEPER		
		Rebecca D. Farnsworth		6,240.00

4150-30	1,200	PAYROLL - TRUSTEES	
		Geraldine Benton	350.00
		Duncan Booth	350.00
		Phyllis Holbrook	500.00
			1,200.00
4150-40	6,100	AUDITING	
		Plodzick & Sanderson	8,075.00
4150-50	10,800	OFFICE EXPENSE - SUPPLIES/REPAIRS	
		Barbara Sellingham	33.04
		Anderson's Bakery	35.51
		Business Datat Solutions	420.00
		Branham Publishing Co.	151.80
		Brown's River Bindery	1,348.00
		Campton Printing & Design	910.33
		Combined Services, Inc.	100.00
		Copy Solutions	2.50
		Danis & Huot Enterprises	657.16
		Family Tree Gift Shop	135.00
		Handyman Hardware	82.08
		Irma Gross	228.90
		Laura Laufenberg	15.00
		Lydonville Office Products	4,142.14
		Marianne Peabody	126.48
		Michie	383.95
		National Legal Posters	24.90
		National Market Report	115.00
		NEBS	359.12
		New England Business Machines	626.00
		NHMA	90.00
		NHTCA	45.00
		Officestuff	175.09
		Peachtree Software	114.90
		Phyllis Buckner	35.00
		Pitney Bowes	135.53
		Quill Corporation	45.54
		Real Data Corporation	207.00
		Register of Deeds	856.95
		Remarkable Products	44.85
		Sentry Group	6.00
		The Pennysaver, Inc.	66.00
		Trend Business Forms	264.48
		White Mtn. Publishers	264.93
			12,248.18

*NOTE: Donation J. Robertson \$300.00
Reimbursement - NHMA \$25.00

Reimbursement - J. Hines \$10.00

4150-51	2,750	OFFICE EXPENSE - TELEPHONE		
		MCI	335.83	
		Bell Atlantic	889.89	
		Nynex	1,790.76	
				3,016.48
4150-52	250	OFFICE EXPENSE - BANK SERVICE CHARGE		
		Pemigewasset National Bank		54.00
4150-52	2,500	OFFICE EXPENSE - COMPUTER CHARGES		
		Norway Cottage Industries	1,275.00	
		Business Data Solutions	2,650.00	
		Diacad Associates	80.00	
				4,005.00
4150-53	3,000	OFFICE EXPENSE - TOWN REPORTS		
		Campton Printing & Design		2,928.24
		*NOTE: Reimbursement		
		Campton Printing -	\$461.38	
4150-55	520	OFFICE EXPENSE - EQUIPMENT RENTALS		
		Pitney Bowes		614.32
4150-56	1,000	OFFICE EXPENSE - DUES/SUBSCRIPTIONS		
		BJ'S Wholesale Club	105.00	
		NH Assoc. of Assessing Officials	20.00	
		NE City & Town Clerks Assoc.	35.00	
		NH Health Officers Assoc.	10.00	
		NH Local Welfare Administration	25.00	
		NH Municipal Association	742.14	
		NH Tax Collectors Association	15.00	
				952.14
4150-57	4,400	OFFICE EXPENSE - POSTAGE		
		Campton Postmaster		5,600.00
	63,960	TOTAL FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION (4150)		69,949.64
4152-10	500	REVALUATION OF PROPERTY		
		Treasurer, State of NH	80,261.65	
		Campton Postmaster	1,000.00	
		Mark H. Nieder, C.N.H.A.	2,668.50	
				83,930.15
		*NOTE: From Capital Reserve \$83,430.15		

	500	TOTAL REVALUATIONS OF PROPERTY (4152)		83,930.15
4153-10	6,500	LEGAL EXPENSES		
		Conklin & Reynolds, P.A.	543.00	
		Mitchell & Bates	2,767.06	
				3,310.06
	6,500	TOTAL LEGAL (4153)		3,310.06
4155-10	19,750	FICA & RETIREMENT - TOWN SHARE		
		PNB/IRS	20,472.22	
		NH Retirement	3,267.70	
				23,739.92
4155-20	28,697	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE - TOWN SHARE		
		NHMA Insurance Trust	36,052.33	
				36,052.33
	48,447	TOTAL PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATIONS (4155)		59,792.25
4191-10	9,570	PAYROLL - PLANNING BOARD		
		Marianne Peabody		9,568.00
4191-20	1,408	PLANNING BOARD - OPERATING COSTS		
		Marianne Peabody	56.42	
		Anderson's Bakery	35.50	
		Lydonville Office Equipment	6.65	
		Register of Deeds	440.96	
		White Mtn. Publishers	706.58	
				1,246.11
4191-30	1,250	PLANNING BOARD - LEGAL EXPENSES		
		Upton, Sanders & Smith	28.00	
				28.00
	12,228	TOTAL PLANNING & ZONING (4191)		10,842.11
4194-10	3,680	GOV'T BUILDING - CUSTODIAL		
		June Chase	1,960.00	
		Cecile Newton	492.00	
		Linda Lee White	1,120.00	
				3,572.00
4194-20	1,200	GOV'T BUILDING - GAS		
		Wallace Propane Co.	1,720.71	
				1,720.71
4194-30	3,550	GOV'T BUILDINGS - UTILITIES		
		NH Electric Cooperative	3,539.60	
				3,539.60

4194-40	2,700	GOV'T BUILDINGS - REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE		
		ADT Security Systems	105.50	
		Carpet Cleaning	340.00	
		David Robinson Sr	930.79	
		Dunstan Electric	470.00	
		Pemi Valley Telephone	94.00	
		Four Seasons Refrigeration	80.90	
		J.A. Corey	190.60	
		Little Mountain Enterprises	164.64	
		Indoor Climate Control	573.90	
		John Mayhew	128.75	
		Robert Alexander	127.50	
		RJL Electronics	312.00	
		Yeaton Agway Service	217.45	
				3,736.03
4194-50	600	GOV'T BUILDINGS - SUPPLIES		
		A.M. Rand	192.37	
		Cecile Newton	22.95	
				215.32
	11,730	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS (4194)		12,783.66
4195-20	7,900	CEMETERIES - LABOR		
		Brad Benton	7,620.00	
4195-30	6,508	CEMETERIES - EQUIPMENT/MACHINE RENTALS		
		Brad Benton	6,612.00	
4195-40	590	CEMETERIES - SUPPLIES		
		Brad Benton	227.87	
	14,998	TOTAL CEMETERIES (4195)		14,459.87
4196-10	15,256	INSURANCE - WC		
		CFNH/Workers' Comp Fund	17,265.05	
4196-20	1,152	INSURANCE - UNEMPLOYMENT COMP		
		CFNH	722.85	
4196-30	17,548	INSURANCE - OTHER		
		NHMA Property-Liability Trust	17,258.00	
		Francis L. Dean & Assoc.	150.00	
				17,408.00
	33,956	TOTAL INSURANCE (4196)		35,395.90
4197-10	2,686	ADVERTISING AND REGIONAL ASSOC		
		North Country Council	2,085.67	
		Waterville Valley Region Chamber	600.00	
				2,685.67
	2,686	TOTAL ADVERTISING AND REGIONAL ASSOC. (4197)		2,685.67
4199-10	9,000	CONTINGENCY FUND		
				0.00
4199-20	1,000	MAP & UPDATE		
		Mountain Mapping	2,196.00	

4199-30	1	PERAMBULATION			
				0.00	
	10,001	TOTAL (4199)			2,196.00
4210-10	118,939	PAYROLL - POLICE			
		Walter Joyce	40,900.05		
		Terry Joyce	7,915.34		
		Steven Keeney	31,400.16		
		Thomas Dubey	24,499.79		
		John McKinnon	1,914.64		
		Rod Diamond	4,904.00		
		Casino Clogston	2,822.00		
		Robert Alexander	2,873.00		
		Dennis Juniper	288.32		
				117,517.30	
4210-20	17,008	POLICE - COMMUNICATIONS			
		Cellular One	640.40		
		Bell Atlantic	1,003.86		
		Grafton Country Sheriffs	8,507.00		
		Nynex	2,021.58		
		United States Cellular	171.44		
		JA Corey Electric & Telephone	169.12		
				12,513.40	
4210-30	4,480	POLICE - EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES			
		Campton Printing & Design	466.48		
		Gall's Inc.	180.91		
		Alternative Communication	335.00		
		Anderson's Bakery	35.50		
		Donna Dubey	21.31		
		Copy Solutions	16.00		
		Cheap Shot Gun Shop	1,059.20		
		Alton Benton	16.00		
		Drivers License Guide	21.95		
		Enhanced Computer	280.00		
		Lexis Law Publishing	57.24		
		GWMC American Red Cross	169.00		
		Gardner L. Hall	240.00		
		Glock, Inc.	138.00		
		Global Net	2,183.00		
		Handyman Hardware	203.91		
		Lori Van Vliet	200.00		
		Lewis Arms	153.00		
		Lydonville Office Equipment	797.10		
		Marion Office Products	42.32		
		Michie	230.87		
		N.E. Business Machines	125.00		
		Paul Beaumier	190.00		

		Officestuff	404.40	
		Oliver Photo and Camera	332.84	
		Oriental Trading Company	290.55	
		Ossipee Mountain Electronics	923.34	
		Radio Shack	559.99	
		RJL Electronics	793.11	
		TAV Electronics	10.00	
		Sowers Associates	30.00	
		Speare Memorial Hospital	27.00	
		Schwaab, Inc.	19.70	
		Polaroid Customer Care Center	191.00	
		Thornton General Store	4.59	
		West Publishing Payment Co	1,485.84	
		Woodstock Country Store	194.76	
				12,428.91
4210-40	3,200	POLICE - UNIFORMS		
		Abner Trophies & Awards	28.00	
		Circle Tri Cleaners	720.97	
		Rodgers Ski & Sport	87.00	
		Melnick's	427.90	
		D&M Sports	108.00	
		Neptune. Inc.	2,511.85	
				3,883.72
4210-50	6,436	POLICE - OUTSIDE SERVICES		
		MEGG Associates, Inc	375.00	
		Together Networks	99.75	
		Plymouth Court Jurisdictional	8,534.69	
				9,009.44
4210-60	19,655	POLICE - VEHICLE EXPENSES		
		Gold Key Lease	5,625.00	
		Ford Motor Credit	5,749.93	
		Lori Van Vliet	240.00	
		Kelley Rich Auto Parts	238.77	
		Mackenzie Auto Parts	176.71	
		Meredith Motor Co., Inc.	102.99	
		Tilton Ford Chrysler Plymouth	115.75	
		Treasurer, State of NH	3,557.93	
		RJL Electronics	394.00	
		Smitty's Auto Repairs	451.70	
		Wilson Tire Inc.	291.24	
				16,944.02
4210-70	950	POLICE - TRAINING		
		American Red Cross	90.00	
		NHCPEA	35.00	
		NFI North Staff Development	60.00	

			185.00	
4210-80	300	POLICE - CHIEFS EXPENSES/AD		
		NH Assoc. of Chiefs of Police	75.00	
			75.00	
	170,968	TOTAL POLICE (4210)		172,556.79
4215-20	17,492	AMBULANCE		
		Town of Plymouth	17,492.47	
	17,492	TOTAL AMBULANCE (4215)		17,492.47
4220-00	50,154	FIRE DEPARTMENT		
		Campton Thornton Fire Dept	42,296.66	
		Lakes Region Mutual Fire	6,857.26	
		Gary Hines	64.38	
		Erin Gates	19.80	
		Keith Byerly	132.97	
		David Hiltz	27.51	
		Michael Havlock	51.48	
		Brian Cottrell	71.28	
		Brian Tobine	19.80	
		Shawn Woods	39.60	
		John Ward	39.60	
		David Mack	71.28	
		Derek Elfstrom	39.60	
		David Tobine	79.58	
		Michael Stenson	73.36	
		Marantha Construction	120.00	
		Richard Brothers	31.68	
		Shawn Woods	31.68	
		Peter Langmaid	27.51	
			50,095.03	
	50,154	TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT (4220)		50,095.03
		*NOTE: Reimbursement from Campton-Thornton Fire Dept \$17.36		
4240-00	1,000	BUILDING INSPECTIONS		
		Richard Gilpatric	830.00	
	1,000	TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTIONS (4240)		830.00
4299-10	3,000	PUBLIC SAFETY OTHER		
		John McKinnon	180.20	
		Casino S. Clogston	272.00	
		Steve Keeney	375.76	
		Rod Diamond	192.00	
		Thomas Dubey	502.56	
		Walter Joyce	1,520.76	
			3,043.28	
		*NOTE: Reimbursement US Treasury \$3,000.00		
	3,000	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY OTHER (4299)		3,043.28

4300-00	100	911 POSTS/SIGNS		
		Treasurer, State of NH	1,466.95	
		Don Grace	697.90	
		Marianne Peabody	39.11	
		Scott Morrison	504.00	
				2,707.96
	100	TOTAL 911 POSTS/SIGNS (4300)		2,707.96
4312-10	48,070	PAYROLL - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		
		Clifton Shores	24,608.81	
		Robert W. Boyce	24,236.93	
		Rod Diamond	48.00	
		Thomas Dubey	47.12	
		John McKinnon	94.61	
		Alton Benton	6,225.00	
				55,260.47
4312-20	16,800	HIGHWAY - CULVERTS, GRAVEL & SUPPLIES		
		Alton Benton	106.02	
		Arthur Whitcomb, Inc.	2,394.47	
		Campton Service Center	36.38	
		C.R. McLoud & Sons	34.25	
		E.W. Sleeper	1,953.87	
		Gilman Outdoor Equipment	14.90	
		Handyman Hardware	13.37	
		Howard P. Fairfield, Inc.	341.00	
		Robert C. Whitehouse	6,407.90	
		Pike Industries	7,115.68	
		Campton Printing & Design	103.00	
		Russ Lanoie	575.00	
		Treasurer, State of NH	64.26	
		Small Engine Technology	166.60	
		The Rental Center	67.81	
				19,394.51
4312-21	86,000	HIGHWAY - TAR		
		Pike Industries, Inc.		147,232.77
4312-22	70,320	HIGHWAY - ROAD AGENT - SUMMER		
		Neil Robertson		60,834.00
4312-23	55,250	HIGHWAY - SUBCONTRACTORS - SUMMER		
		Top Notch Tree Experts	2,767.00	
		Willaim Plaisted	275.00	
		L.E. Johnston Const. Inc.	5,664.00	
				8,706.00
4312-24	8,400	HIGHWAY - MOWING & SWEEPING		
		Hoyt Management Group		3,825.00
4312-30	11,000	HIGHWAY - SALT & SAND		
		Akzo Salt Inc.	8,246.06	

Granite State Minerals, Inc.	4,227.20	
Robert C. Whitehouse	1,372.00	
Pike Industries, Inc.	6,872.90	
		20,718.16

*NOTE: Reimbursement K. Benton \$108.00

4312-32	71,138	HIGHWAY - ROAD AGENT - WINTER		
		Neil Robertson		108,005.00
4312-33	49,100	HIGHWAY - SUBCONTRACTORS - WINTER		
		Alton G. Benton	7,254.00	
		Barle, Inc.	5,667.00	
		Brad C. Benton	9,956.00	
		Bradford R. Benton	8,406.00	
		L.E. Johnston Const. Inc.	3,865.00	
		L.G. Boyce	7,892.00	
		Roland Downing	10,626.00	
				53,666.00
	416,078	TOTAL HIGHWAY (4312)		477,641.91
4323-10	42,531	PAYROLL - RECYCLING		
		Donald Howe	14,613.30	
		Joan Marshall	19,965.00	
		Lester Sargeant	8,608.27	
		Donald Grace	768.04	
				43,954.61
4323-15	14,122	PAYROLL EXPENSES - RECYCLING		
				0.00
4323-20	6,700	SOLID WASTE - BUILDING & UTILITY		
		MCI	60.00	
		Bell Atlantic	165.30	
		Nynex	282.01	
		Neil Robertson	280.00	
		Uhlman Builders	390.00	
		Arrow Equipment	485.25	
		NH Electric Cooperative	960.90	
				2,623.46
		*NOTE: Reimbursement G. Humphrey \$300.00		
4323-40	172	PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE		
		Pemi-Baker Solid Waste		279.11
	63,525	TOTAL SOLID WASTE RECYCLE (4323)		46,857.18

4324-10	64,800	SOLID WASTE - DISPOSAL		
		Advanced Recycling	1,125.54	
		Browning Ferris Industries	15,750.03	
		North Country Enviromental	1,541.58	
		Zero Waste, Inc.	930.00	
		Wheelabrator Concord Co.	46,733.22	
				66,080.37
4324-20	8,470	SOLID WASTE - GENERAL/EQUIPMENT EXPENSE		
		Alton Benton	45.00	
		Ashland Lumber Co.	469.82	
		Barrington Baler & Equipment	260.00	
		Campton Printing & Design	470.65	
		Donald Howe	57.04	
		Eastern Analytical, inc.	896.00	
		Handyman Hardware	413.48	
		Haskell's Work Clothes	140.00	
		Michael's Body Shop	30.00	
		Northeast Agricultural	420.80	
		Neil Robertson	350.00	
		Northeast Resource Recovery	2,049.33	
		Union Leader Corporation	278.10	
		Shirley Benton	227.50	
		State of NH - OSP/GRP	15.00	
		Sanel Auto Parts	140.97	
		Tim Grace	110.00	
		Treasurer, State of NH	777.19	
		Townline Equipment Sales	58.27	
		The Feed Station	87.35	
		Joan Marshall	80.60	
		White Mountain Publisher	15.45	
		Wilson Tire, Inc.	350.97	
				7,743.52
4324-30	500	SOLID WASTE - LEGAL		
				0.00
4324-40	22,128	SOLID WASTE - BULKY DEBRIS		
		Commercial Paving Co.	8,226.90	
		Donalee Downing	1,912.50	
		North Country Enviromental	6,904.68	
				17,044.08
	95,898	TOTAL SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL (4324)		90,867.97
4325-10		CLOSURE		
		CLD Paving, Inc.	1,224.00	
		L.K. Ladd Inc.	47,892.74	
		Eastern Analytical, Inc.	304.64	
		Nobis Engineering	2,028.24	
				51,449.62

*NOTE: Transfer from NHPDIP \$51,449.62

4415-10	7,226	HEALTH AGENCIES & HOSPITALS		
		Pemi-Baker Home Health	6,925.60	
		Speare Memorial Hospital	300.00	
				7,225.60
4415-20	500	PAYROLL - HEALTH OFFICIER		
		Marianne Peabody		500.00
4415-30	1,000	LOCAL HEALTH		
		Marianne Peabody		13.64
	8,726	TOT. HEALTH AGENCIES/HOSPITALS (4415)		7,739.24
4441-10	2,967	PAYROLL - OVERSEER OF WELFARE		
		Marianne Peabody	2,967.00	
	2,967	TOTAL WELFARE ADMINISTRATION (4441)		2,967.00
4442-10	25,000	DIRECT ASSISTANCE - WELFARE	16,404.27	
	25,000	TOTAL DIRECT ASSISTANCE (4442)		16,404.27
4444-10	1,100	TASK FORCE - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE		
		Plymouth Area Domestic Violence		1,100.00
4444-11	567	TRI COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION		
		Tri County Community Action		567.00
4444-12	800	GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS		
		Grafton County Senior Citizens		800.00
4444-13	500	D.A.R.E.		
		Thornton D.A.R.E. Program		500.00
4444-14	500	PLYMOUTH REGIONAL CLINIC		
		Plymouth Regional Clinic		500.00
4444-15	200	AMERICAN LEGION		
		Joseph Newton Smith Post		200.00
4444-16	1,000	PBY&FSC		
		Pemi-Baker Youth & Family		1,000.00
4444-17	1,500	ADOLESCENT DRUG & ALCOHOL		
		ADAPT		1,500.00
4444-18	300	GWMC AMERICAN RED CROSS		
		American Red Cross		300.00
4444-19	300	LRCSC		
		Lakes Region Community		300.00
4444-20	500	BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS		
				500.00
	7,267	TOTAL HEALTH & SPECIAL APPROP (4444)		7,267.00
4520-10	950	PARKS & RECREATION		
		Charles Downing		850.00
	950	TOTAL PARKS & RECREATION (4520)		850.00
4550-10	26,648	PAYROLL - LIBRARY		
		Cheryl Toolin	247.50	
		John Hansen	1,632.00	
		Kathy Mather	1,995.32	

		Kathy-Jean Uhlman	11,239.13		
				15,113.95	
4550-20		LIBRARY - OTHER			
		Thornton Public Library		8,751.00	
		*NOTE: Overpayment Reimbursement \$367.95			
	26,648	TOTAL LIBRARY (4550)			23,864.95
4583-10	400	PATRIOTIC PURPOSES/OLD HOME DAY			
		Officestuff, Inc.	100.00		
				100.00	
	400	TOTAL PATRIOTIC PURPOSES (4583)			100.00
4711-10	30,000	PRINCIPAL PAYMENT - BONDS			
		State Street Bank & Trust	30,000.00		
				30,000.00	
	30,000	TOTAL PRINCIPAL - LONG TERM BONDS (4711)			30,000.00
4721-10	12,210	INTEREST - BONDS			
		State Street Bank & Trust	6,465.00		
		Fleet National Bank	6,465.00		
				12,930.00	
	12,210	TOTAL INTEREST - LONG TERM BONDS (4721)			12,930.00
4723-10	25,000	INTEREST - TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE			
		Pemigewasset Nat'l Bank		11,613.11	
4723-11		INTEREST - T.L.R.N.			
	25,000	TOTAL INTEREST (4723)			11,613.11
4901-10		LAND			
		Town of Thornton	2,973.00		
		Pope Family Trust	3,569.00		
				6,542.00	
		*NOTE - From Capital Reserve \$6,542.00			
4901-11		LAND - INTEREST			
		Pope Family Trust		571.84	
		*NOTE - From Capital Reserve \$571.84			
4901-20	6,002	LAND - CEMETERY			
		Brad Benton	5,218.05		
		Brad Benton (Fence Co.)	1,155.80		
		Sabourn Surveying, Inc.	1,578.50		
				7,952.35	
	6,002	TOTAL LAND CEMETERY (4901-20)			7,952.35
4902-10	11,450	NEW EQUIPMENT			
		Gateway 2000	156.00		
		N.E. Business Machines	2,563.00		
		Lydonville Office Equipment	119.00		
		Thornton Public Library	6,200.00		
		Radio Shack	548.00		
				9,586.00	

*NOTE - Thornton School District \$3,100.00

	11,450	TOTAL NEW/LEASE EQUIPMENT (4902)	9,586.00
4915-10	16,000	CAPITAL RESERVE - FIRE TRUCK	
		Trustees of Trust Funds	16,000.00
4915-11	2,000	CAPITAL RESERVE - TRUCK/SALT SANDER	
		Trustees of Trust Funds	2,000.00
	18,000	TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE (4915)	18,000.00
4931-10		COUNTY DISBURSEMENTS	
		Grafton County Treasurer	173,435.00
4932-10		PRECINCT DISBURSEMENTS	
		Waterville Estates 96/97	70,333.50
		Waterville Estates 97/98	70,350.00
			140,683.50
4933-10		PAID TO THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	
		Thornton School District 96/97	796,920.00
		Thornton School District 97/98	742,000.00
			1,538,920.00
4933-20		PAID TO PEMI-BAKER SCHOOL DISTRICT	
		Pemi-Baker School District 96/97	320,475.00
		Pemi-Baker School District 97/98	350,000.00
			670,475.00
4939-10		PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS	
		Treasurer, State of NH	280.00
		Department of Agriculture	1,134.00
			1,414.00
	1,278,782	TOTAL	4,624,995.62 1,387,325.37

SUMMARY OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES 1997

DATE	AMOUNT <u>BORROWED</u>	AMOUNT <u>PAID</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
1/1/97	Balance Carried Forward		\$ 0.00
1/29/97	26,000.00		26,000.00
2/5/97	20,000.00		46,000.00
2/12/97	100,000.00		146,000.00
2/26/97	10,000.00		156,000.00
3/7/97	57,000.00		213,000.00
3/12/97	68,000.00		281,000.00
3/26/97	120,000.00		401,000.00
4/2/97	38,000.00		439,000.00
4/9/97	60,000.00		499,000.00
4/23/97	70,000.00		569,000.00
5/9/97	35,000.00		604,000.00
5/14/97	15,000.00		619,000.00
5/21/97	60,000.00		679,000.00
5/28/97	40,000.00		719,000.00
6/4/97	25,000.00		744,000.00
6/18/97	100,000.00		844,000.00
7/2/97		26,000.00	818,000.00
7/2/97		20,000.00	798,000.00
7/2/97		10,000.00	788,000.00
7/2/97		38,000.00	750,000.00
7/9/97		100,000.00	650,000.00
7/9/97		68,000.00	582,000.00
7/9/97		120,000.00	462,000.00
7/16/97		57,000.00	405,000.00
7/16/97		60,000.00	345,000.00
7/23/97		70,000.00	275,000.00
7/23/97		35,000.00	240,000.00
7/23/97		40,000.00	200,000.00
8/27/97	50,000.00		250,000.00
9/3/97	15,000.00		265,000.00
9/10/97	65,000.00		330,000.00
9/17/97	140,000.00		470,000.00
9/24/97	45,000.00		515,000.00
10/7/97	60,000.00		575,000.00
10/22/97	40,000.00		615,000.00
11/5/97	48,000.00		663,000.00
11/13/97	35,000.00		698,000.00
11/19/97	10,000.00		708,000.00
11/26/97	81,000.00		789,000.00
12/3/97	75,000.00		864,000.00
12/10/97	160,000.00		1,024,000.00
12/17/97	133,000.00		1,157,000.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS - YEAR ENDED 12/31/97

	1997	Levies of 1996	Prior
UNCOLL. TAXES BEG. OF YR.			
Property Taxes		446,207.33	233.02
Betterment Tax		2,455.39	1,491.04
Land Use Change Tax			45.70
Yield Taxes			1,256.69
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YR.			
Property Taxes	3,409,685.00		
Betterment Tax	2,189.11		
Yield Taxes	10,107.23		
ADDED TAXES:			
Property Taxes	76,454.77		
OVER PAYMENTS:			
Property Taxes	2,210.12	264.82	
INTEREST COLLECTED ON DELINQUENT TAXES	5,257.59	40,055.01	568.36
PENALTIES COLLECTED on			
Property Taxes		7,334.50	
Betterment Tax		2.00	23.00
Other Taxes			20.00
PROPERTY TAX			
Prepayments	2,255.81-		
TOTAL DEBITS	3,503,648.01	496,319.05	3,637.81
REMITTED TO TREASURER -			
During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	1,738,990.92	239,791.17	
Betterment Tax	883.44	1,071.23	307.83
Yield Taxes	9,374.97	.01-	617.63
Interest on Taxes	5,257.59	40,055.01	568.36
Cost/Penalties		7,334.50	20.00
Property Taxes	6,742.84	2,357.00	
Tax Lien Executed During Year:		204,174.73	
UNCOLLECTED TAXES -			
End of Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	1,740,360.32	149.25	233.02
Betterment Tax	1,305.67	1,384.16	1,183.21
Land Use Change Tax			45.70
Yield Taxes		732.26	639.06
TOTAL CREDITS	3,503,648.01	496,317.04	3,614.81

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS - YEAR ENDED 12/31/97

	<u>1996</u>	Levies of 1995	Prior
BAL. OF UNREDEEMED TAXES -			
Beginning of Fiscal Year:		208,830.14	287,994.69
Tax Liens Executed to Town			
During Fiscal Year:	232,998.51		
Over Payments:		51.85	
Interest Collected			
After Lien Execution:	1,095.78	10,003.28	39,593.97
Collected Redemption Costs:	482.00	1,259.00	1,746.23
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>234,576.29</u>	<u>220,092.42</u>	<u>329,386.74</u>
REMITTANCE TO TREASURER -			
During Fiscal Year:			
Redemptions	35,492.19	63,138.61	82,165.99
Interest and Costs			
(After Lien Execution)	1,577.78	11,262.28	41,340.20
Abatement of Unredeemed Taxes:	1,734.66	1,646.93	627.63
UNREDEEMED TAXES -			
End of Fiscal Year:	195,771.66	144,044.60	205,252.92
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>234,576.29</u>	<u>220,092.42</u>	<u>329,386.74</u>

THORNTON PUBLIC LIBRARY 1998 BUDGET REQUEST

	1997 Allocation	1997 Actual	1998 Budget
INCOME			
Encumbered	904.24	907.74	1,385.00
Town Appropriation	12,998.50	12,998.50	12,998.35
School Appropriation	10,498.50	10,498.50	10,498.35
School Maintenance	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Trust Fund	500.00	541.56	565.81
Int. Inc.	0.00	49.37	10.00
Grants	150.00	0.00	2,753.00
Other income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Warrant article	6,200.00	6,200.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	33,751.24	33,695.67	30,710.50
EXPENSES			
Books	5,775.00	5,772.87	6,200.00
Dues	225.00	50.00	50.00
Equipment	300.00	58.84	1.00
Internet	1,020.00	313.76	1.00
Maintenance	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Postage	55.00	32.00	55.00
Salary	15,396.00	15,113.95	16,249.50
Encumbered from prev. year	247.50	247.50	0.00
Summer Read Program	300.00	0.00	300.00
Supplies	425.00	441.98	300.00
Telephone	610.00	576.50	1125.00
E-Rate Credit Direct Pay to Vendor	0.00	0.00	560.00
Travel/Conferences	40.00	61.20	40.00
Professional Development	0.00	0.00	200.00
Other Exp	1.00	10.00	1.00
Technical Support	0.00	0.00	650.00
E-Rate Credit Direct Pay to Vendor	0.00	0.00	390.00
Technology Enhancements	656.74	849.98	0.00
Technology Grant & Matching Funds	0.00	0.00	3988.00
Circ/Cat System	6,200.00	6,263.48	0.00
Encumbered to 1998	0.00	1,385.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	33,751.24	33,677.04	30,710.50
Return to Town		18.63	

CAMPTON-THORNTON FIRE COMMISSIONERS REPORT FOR 1997

The Campton Thornton Fire Department experienced another busy year. We want to thank the voters of Campton, Thornton and Ellsworth for their support by voting at Town Meeting for our 1997 budget. We appreciate the voters of Ellsworth agreeing to pay 4% of the total budget, and designating David Tobine as their Chief.

The increase in the Capital Reserve Funds for a fire truck will enable us to better plan for the future of the department. We plan on purchasing a new pumper tanker in 1998 once the funds are approved at Town Meeting.

We are glad to report that our Chief, David Tobine and fellow Commissioner Cliff Eastman, after having experienced serious health problems over the past year are back at work and looking well. We have a lot of young people on the roster, and they are eager to learn from our more experienced people like Chief Tobine, David Mack, Arthur Gross, Peter Sparks and Ellen Edersheim and our own Keith Byerly.

An ambulance study committee was appointed by the Selectmen this year to look into the feasibility of our having our own vehicle and two full time people on during the day. While we commissioners as a group may not agree on whether this is the way to go or not, we all realize that it is becoming more difficult to get enough personnel to respond to calls during the day. Many people either do not work in Town or their employer can simply not afford to let them leave the job. The way to resolve this issue will be a challenge for us this next year.

We want to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for all their fund-raising efforts over the year. The ham and bean supper, the plant sale, the chili contest and other events have helped us acquire more needed equipment. We thank the families of our firefighters for their support to our personnel, the citizens of the three Towns, the Boards of Selectmen, and most importantly the dedicated men and women that keep our families safe.

Ann Marie Foote, *Chairman*
Herb Karsten
Clifford Eastman
Richard Giehl

CAMPTON-THORNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

The following is a breakdown of calls answered by the Department in 1997. Rescue Squad calls are not broken down as they are too numerous to categorize.

Chimney Fire	16
Structure Fire	9
Motor Vehicle Accident	39
Motor Vehicle Fire	10
Hazardous Material	4
Service Call	4
Mutual Aid	9
Flooded Oil Burner	4
Appliance Fire	2
Alarm Activation	7
Tree on Wires	8
Outside Fire	15
Smoke In Building	1
Motor Vehicle Leaking Fuel	2
Smoke Investigation	4
Co Alarm Activation	11
Good Intent Call	3
False Alarm	1
Wires Down	1
Search And Rescue	3
Utility Pole Fire	1
Dumpster Fire	1
Smoke In Building	3
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Total Fire Calls	162
Rescue Squad Calls	178
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Total Fire/Rescue Calls	340

Thank you for supporting your fire and rescue.

Respectfully submitted,
David E. Tobine, *Fire Chief*

CAMPTON-THORNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
1997

01/01/97Balance brought forward		0.00
Receipts 1997 Budget;		
Appropriation Town of Campton	\$64,558.00	
Appropriation Town of Thornton	42,296.66	
Appropriation Town of Ellsworth	4,452.28	
Inspections	575.00	
Pemi-Bank Interest Paid	217.27	
Other Income	1,235.22	
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Total Available Funds;	\$113,334.43	
Total Expenditures,	\$107,411.78	
Reimbursement Town of Campton	3,458.59	
Reimbursement Town of Thornton	2,274.06	
Reimbursement Town of Ellsworth	190.00	
12/31/97 Balance on hand		0.00

1997 DETAILS OF EXPENDITURES

PAYROLL

Payroll 4th Quarter	11,533.50
Payroll 3rd Quarter	7,223.50
Payroll 2nd Quarter	7,584.00
Payroll 1st Quarter	8,264.19
Payroll Taxes	7,477.34
W-2's	53.75
Deluxe Checks	66.20

GRAND TOTAL

42,202.48

TRAINING

Training	5,161.00
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GRAND TOTAL

5,161.00

POSTAGE

U.S. Post Office	\$108.28
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GRAND TOTAL

108.28

VEHICLE FUEL

NH DOT	1,745.30
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GRAND TOTAL

1,745.30

CHIEFS EXPENSES

David Tobine-Chief	\$2,173.54
Tom Dubey-Deputy Chief	\$ 159.49
Brian Cottrell-Deputy Chief	\$ 91.36

GRAND TOTAL

2,424.39

PHYSICALS

Tecumseh Health Center	\$ 93.00
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GRAND TOTAL

93.00

HEALTH & SAFETY

Speare Memorial Hospital	208.30
The Fire Barn	357.57

GRAND TOTAL

565.87

F.D. EQUIP. & RESCUE SUPPLIES

Bound Tree	670.30
Physio Control Corp.	7,359.03
Fire Tech & Safety	2,063.90
Russell Mardin	89.00
Smith Safety Products	1,119.86
Laconia Electric	375.86
Conway Assoc., Inc.	5,685.00
The Fire Barn	132.48

W.S. Darley & Co.	53.64	
Tri State Fire Protection, Inc.	123.70	
GRAND TOTAL		17,672.77

INSPECTIONS

Dave Tobine	380.00	
Brian Cottrell	20.00	
GRAND TOTAL		400.00

INSURANCE

Compensation Funds of NH	1,401.63	
NH Retirement Systems	114.00	
NHMA Property Liability Trust	7,279.00	
GRAND TOTAL		8,794.63

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

National Fire Protection Assoc.	227.35	
Yeaton Parts & Service	107.95	
Lakes Region Two-Way	190.85	
Little Mountain Enterprises	76.39	
Fire Tech & Safety	214.66	
SCBA Repairs Inc.	365.51	
Circle Tri Cleaner	177.15	
K & T Environmental Equip.	55.51	
Campton Service Center	19.48	
Laconia Electric	44.40	
Merriam Graves	231.18	
Ossipee Mountain Electronics	359.60	
Tri State Fire Protection, Inc.	195.70	
Russell Mardin	171.00	
GRAND TOTAL		2,436.73

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

Gilmans Coach & Camper	84.65	
Campton Service Center	81.70	
Agway Services	1,066.34	
Sign Signs	125.00	
A & H Automotive	460.69	
Lakes Region Fire Equip.	11,342.25	
Ossipee Mountain Electronics	619.45	
Merriam Graves	16.79	
Meredith Motor Co.	188.66	
Irwin Motors	410.71	
McDevitt Motors	1,064.25	
David Mack	9.38	

Manchester Mack	369.50
Napa Auto Parts	67.28
Patsyís GMC	750.00
Sanel Auto Parts Co.	1,042.25
NH Municipal Truck Equip,	149.00
GRAND TOTAL	

17,847.90

UTILITIES

AT & T	39.17
Johnson & Dix Fuel Corp.	1,800.07
Little Mountain Enterprises	156.18
NH Electric Coop.	605.53
Nynex	1,441.59
PSNH	1,854.26
GRAND TOTAL	

5,896.80

PUBLICATIONS

Fire Protection Association	715.00
Fire Engineers	19.95
GRAND TOTAL	

734.95

SUPPLIES

Office Stuff	20.36
Handyman Hardware	231.46
Fox Valley	76.70
Viking Office Products	343.87
White River Paper Co.	95.29
GRAND TOTAL	

767.68

GENERAL EXPENSES

Pemi Bank Service Charges	125.40
Staples	24.99
Micro-Soft Money	140.95
Office Stuff, Inc.	45.66
Kelley Flowers	23.00
Plymouth Call Dept.-Air Fund	200.00
GRAND TOTAL	

560.00

REIMBURSEMENTS

Town of Campton	3,458.59
Town of Thornton	2,274.06
Town of Ellsworth	190.00
GRAND TOTAL	

5,922.65

GRAND TOTAL 1997 EXPENDITURES

113,334.43

CAMPTON-THORNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
1997

FURNISHINGS ACCOUNT:

01/01/97 Balance brought forward	\$237.37
1997 Interest Paid-Pemi Bank	5.72
12-96 Interest Paid	.46
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11/12/97 Ending Balance	\$243.55

FM RADIO ACCOUNT

01/01/97 Balance brought forward	\$1,851.96
1997 Interest paid-Pemi Bank	\$44.56
12-96 Interest Paid	\$3.65
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12/31/97 Ending Balance	\$1,900.17

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

01/01/97 Balance brought forward	\$8,373.87
1997 Interest Paid-Pemi Bank	\$ 201.47
12-96 Interest Paid	\$16.52
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12/31/97 Ending Balance	\$8,591.86

CAMPTON-THORNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT 1997

The Campton-Thornton Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary is a volunteer association. We abide by our own constitution and our officers are elected annually. Currently our president is Kathy Tobine; vice-president, Lori Ward; secretary, Sandy Morgan and treasurer, Christine Chamberlain. We are comprised of 10 members and one junior member.

The purpose of our organization is to supply aid to the Campton-Thornton Fire Department as needed. We make both monetary and nutritional donations to our fire department.

At structure fires, we provide coffee, cold beverages and food. Our food supplies range from donuts and sandwiches to pizzas and breakfasts. The auxiliary buys food out of its own treasury at a cost of approximately \$100.00 per fire. We do not just attend structure fires, we are on alert 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

During brush fire season, we respond with Gatorade, coffee, cold drinks and water to help replenish dehydrating fire personnel.

We operate on a money-in/money-out budget. What we raise, we spend and donate back into the community. The auxiliary holds two big fund raisers a year and several smaller events. Our big fund raisers are the Ham & Bean Supper and the White Elephant & Raffle Sale. Once a year, we act as host to the Pemi Valley Fire Warden's Association dinner.

For the community, we donate Savings Bonds to location 8th grade and high school graduates who are sons/daughters of the CTFD or an auxiliary member. At Christmas time we donate fruit baskets to local shut-ins.

Our monetary contributions to the Campton-Thornton Fire Department have been used towards needed equipment and necessary training and educational materials. We also donate towards Operation Santa, Fire Prevention Week and Halloween goodies.

Local businesses in the community help us to reach our goals. Dunkin' Donuts, Campton Cupboard, Sunset Grill, Chesley's, The Family Store, King Realty, the Mad River Tavern, Scandinavi Inn, the William Tell, Campton Printing & Design and Shaw's in Laconia are very helpful with their supplies. A big thank you to everyone.

We would also like to say thank you to our bean bakers, pie makers, bake sale bakers and silent association members who are there when we call.

The auxiliary would like to note that you do not have to be associated with fire personnel to be a member of our association. If you have time or a special talent, please feel free to contact Kathy Tobine at 536-1374 or Sandy Morgan at 726-8636.

**REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND
STATE FOREST RANGER**

To Aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the NH Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months was a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1997 FIRE STATISTICS (Cost Shared)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY		CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED	
Belknap	58	Smoking	54
Carroll	96	Debris Burning	261
Cheshire	63	Campfire	99
Coos	29	Power Line	33
Grafton	51	Railroad	3
Hillsborough	145	Equipment Use	23
Merrimack	148	Lightning	14
Rockingham	54	Children	60
Stafford	63	OHRV	0
Sullivan	19	Miscellaneous	130
	—	Incendiary	33
Total Fires	726	Fireworks	16
Total Acres 177.17			

Robert E. Boyd, *Forest Ranger*

Gary Hines, *Forest Fire Warden*

THORNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1997 REPORT

The Thornton Police Department continues to change as the Town grows and changes. This year has been a year of introducing new Officers to the community and saying good-bye to others. We find our department to be one of constant motion and activity

Thornton Police continue to support D.A.R.E. and ADAPT, Inc., as they both work effectively with the local youth. Each program offers it's own specialties and is well received by school and community, as well.

One thing police personnel have been questioned about this year is the 911 numbering system. It is a project that has received a lot of attention by committee members. Still, it seems the earliest that numbers will be assigned is sometime in the late spring or early summer. All residences of the town will be notified when the system goes into place. It is hoped that people will find this a simple process. Again, it is still in the process and you will each be notified when things are finalized.

The "911" emergency line is working quite well. We urge people to use this emergency number as of 01-01-98. The 726 line should be used for non-emergency calls only. Please make note of this so that, should you have an emergency, you will know which number will be most effective. 911 stickers are available at the Town Office.

As always, all members of the Thornton Police Department wish to thank those people who donate support to us. Our job can be a difficult one and these donations make it easier for us to come to work each day. Often, people are overlooked when recognition is being given, but everyone who has donated knows what they have done. We are most appreciative to all of you.

May 1998 be a better year for all people of Thornton. We always wish you a healthy, safe day, every day.

Respectfully Submitted

Walter G. Joyce
Chief of Police

ADAPT, INC. ANNUAL REPORT

Adolescent Drug and Alcohol Prevention Tools, Inc., was developed by a group of concerned citizens from the Pemi Valley Church and has since become a community-wide effort for prevention education. ADAPT offers alternatives to youth from the local areas of Lincoln, Thornton, and Woodstock and has an office at the Lin-Wood school. Our resource coordinator, Amy Kinley has worked in this and similar programs for several years, and serves both the Lin-Wood schools and Thornton Central School.

ADAPT offers many programs to local people. We operate year-round, both within the school settings and within the community. Our hours include some time during the school day as well as in the evenings and during weekends. We encourage volunteers to help with our activities and are always grateful for any donations we receive. We are always looking to financially increase our budget so that we may offer more community and youth services; these come to us in a variety of ways. Donations from local residents and businesses have been received this past year, as well as increases in Grant Funding from new areas. We are looking aggressively in those areas of available grants to help with the increase of services that we continue to provide.

Volunteer hours that are donated by parents or concerned community members are very much appreciated by both Amy Kinley and the Board Members of ADAPT, but mostly, they are appreciated by those youth who use our services. Without your volunteerism, many of those programs would be much more difficult to offer. Should you have any questions about our program or would like to receive a brochure with more information about ADAPT, Inc., please call us at 745-9092.

Our organization stands for chemical free fun, resistance to substance abuse, and healthy lifestyles. We hope this is what you are seeking for your children.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry G. Joyce
President

1997 PLANNING BOARD REPORT

During 1997 the Planning Board held regular monthly meetings, on the third Thursday of each month at the Town Hall. The Planning Board dealt with voluntary mergers and several minor subdivisions. During the course of the year the Planning Boards activity resulted in revenue of \$1,888.60.

Perhaps the most interesting and challenging development to come before the Board in a series of informational sessions and public hearings was the Owl's Nest Golf Club project. Since Owl's Nest's property straddles the Thornton/Campton town line. The developers were required to satisfy both Town's Planning Boards. They did so, and construction began as soon as weather permitted last spring.

Respectfully submitted,

THORNTON PLANNING BOARD

TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING CENTER REPORT

During 1997 the Transfer Station processed 1404 tons of solid waste. Of this total, 1063 tons were transfer to the waste to energy incinerator in Penacook and 341 tons were recycled.

The recycling breakdown is as follows:

	TONS	REVENUE	SAVINGS	VALUE
ALUMINUM CANS	4.98	\$3,487.40	\$291.38	\$3,778.78
PLASTIC (#1 & 2)	5.06	\$392.03	\$296.06	\$688.09
NEWSPAPER, MAGS	97.99	\$744.63	\$5,733.39	\$6,478.02
CARDBOARD	50.45	\$1,139.71	\$2,951.83	\$4,091.54
MIXED OFFICE WASTE	9.91	\$396.20	\$579.83	\$976.03
STEEL CANS	34.21	\$635.67	\$2,001.63	\$2,637.30
GLASS	93.5	\$393.15	\$5,470.69	\$5,863.84
SCRAP METAL	42	\$484.30	\$2,457.42	\$2,941.72
TEXTILES	3.39	\$152.40	\$198.35	\$350.75
TOTAL	341.49	\$7,825.49	\$19,980.58	\$27,806.07

Additionally, we processed 249 tons of construction and demolition debris. Over 115 tons of shingles and 34 tons of sheetrock were recycled, leaving 100 tons of wood and other waste to be landfilled. Disposal costs for these items totaled nearly \$16,000. At midyear we adjusted our fee structure to more closely cover costs. As a result, fee income for the year totaled over \$15,000.

The original contracts for both the hauling and disposal of our trash expired in December. The Towns extended our disposal contract with the Penacook incinerator for an additional 3 years. After the review of proposals from 7 hauling contractors, a 3 year contract was negotiated with Zero Waste of Bow, NH. With these contracts, our per ton disposal cost will continue to be among the lowest in the area.

Our recycling efforts continue to be a valuable tool in keeping our costs low. Please pick up a copy of our updated brochure, available at the transfer station and at the town offices.

Joan Marshall
Transfer Station Manager



Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the town of Thornton in the County of Grafton in said state, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Thornton Municipal Building in said Thornton on Tuesday, the tenth day of March 1998 at 8:00 AM of the clock to act upon the following subjects: The polls not to close earlier than 7:00 PM Absentee ballots to be cast at 2:00PM.

Article 1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

To choose a Moderator for two years.

To choose a Selectmen for three years.

To choose a Tax Collector for three years.

To choose a Treasurer for three years.

To choose a Town Clerk for three years.

To choose an Overseer of Public Welfare for one year.

To choose a Library Trustee for three years

To choose a Trustee of Trust Funds for three years.

To choose a Cemetery Trustee for three years.

To choose a Supervisor of the Checklist for six years

To vote on whether to combine the office of Town Clerk and Tax Collector

The following articles, will be taken up during the business meeting beginning at 10:00 A.M. On the 14th day of March 1998 at the Thornton Central School.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$16,525.00** for the maintenance of Pine Grove, Mad River, and other town cemeteries. Of that amount **\$2,400.00** is income to be withdrawn from the cemetery trust funds, with the balance of **\$14,125.00** to come from general taxation. (*The Selectmen recommend this article.*)

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate for improvement projects for cemeteries , the sum of **\$3,300.00** three thousand three hundred. (*The Trustees of cemeteries recommend this article.*) (*The Selectmen recommend this article.*)

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$58,000.00** fifty eight thousand for road reconstruction and improvement on the Adams Farm Road, Mill Brook Road, Upper Mad River Road, Cross Over Road, High Brook Extension, and a section near the Six Mile Bridge. (*The Selectmen recommend this article.*)

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$16,000.00** to be added to the existing fire truck capital reserve fund, and designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend said fund. (*The Selectmen recommend this article.*)

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,000** to be added to the existing salt/sand spreader and truck capital reserve fund, and designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend said fund. (*The Selectmen recommend this article.*)

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to have the fire chief of the Campton/Thornton Fire Department made a full time salaried position (**\$33,000.00 annually**) effective June 1, 1998. This shall be the consensus vote of the annual town meeting, contingent upon a similar vote in the Town of Campton. By petition. (*The Selectmen do not recommend this article.*)

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to adopt an ordinance reaffirming the right of citizens to bear arms and to discharge them reasonably on their own property at any hour in defending against attack by men or animals, but also prohibiting disorderly or irresponsible use of firearms that disturbs the peace needlessly or puts anyone in danger of accidental injury. By petition.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,400.00** for monitoring, water quality and the settlement of the landfill cap authorize the withdrawal from closure account to offset this amount. (*Selectmen recommend this appropriation*).

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand twenty five dollars (**\$15,025.00**) for the purpose of purchasing a computer server and town clerk's software package for the municipal office. This includes all software, installation and cabeling for the server as well as training and support. The town clerk's software to include motor vehicle registration & dog licensing as well as training and support.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand two hundred dollars (**\$7,200.00**) for the purpose of purchasing a computer server for the municipal office. This includes all software, installation & cabeling for the server as well as training and support for the office staff. (*this article to be presented if the above article does not pass.*)

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,329,717.00**, which represents the operating budget for 1997. This amount does include appropriations made in individual warrant articles except for articles #7, #11, and #12."

Article 13. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 20th day of February in the year of 1998.

SELECTMEN OF THORNTON

Alton G. Benton

William D. Walker

Phyllis J. Buckner

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

SELECTMEN OF THORNTON

Alton G. Benton

William D. Walker

Phyllis J. Buckner

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1998 - December 31, 1998

Acct. #	Purpose of Approp. (RSA 32:3,V)	Approp. Prior Yr . as Apprvd-DRA	Actual Expend. Prior Yr.	Approp. Ensuing Fisci (Recomnd)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
4130-4139	Executive	67,405	67,110	70,565
4140-4149	Elec. Reg., & Vital Statistics	13,536	13,504	16,765
4150-4151	Financial Admin.	63,960	69,950	64,055
4152	Reval. Property	500	83,930	500
4153	Legal Expense	6,500	3,310	6,500
4155-4159	Personal Admin.	48,447	59,792	71,450
4191-4193	Planning/Zoning	12,228	10,842	12,372
4194	Gen. Gov. Buildings	11,730	12,784	12,325
4195	Cemeteries	14,998	14,460	16,525
4196	Insurance	33,956	35,396	28,700
4197	Advertising/Reg. Assoc.	2,686	2,686	2,653
4199	Perambulation Contingency Map	10,001	2,196	11,001
PUBLIC SAFETY				
4210-4214	Police	170,968	172,557	178,355
4215-4219	Ambulance	17,492	17,492	18,732
4220-4229	Fire	50,154	50,095	52,538
4240-4249	Building Insp.	1,000	830	1,500
4299	Public Safety	3,000	3,043	3,000
4300	Other Public Safety (Incl. Communications)	100	2,708	2,000
HIGHWAYS & STREETS				
4311-4312	Admin., Hghwys/Streets	416,078	477,642	417,982
SANITATION				
4321-4323	Admin. & Solid Waste Collection	159,251	137,446	158,430
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	172	279	868
4325	Monitor.Solid Waste Clean up			3,400
HEALTH				
4415-4419	Health Agencies Hospitals/Other	15,993	15,006	16,548

WELFARE

4441-4442	Admin & Direct Assistance	27,967	19,371	26,056
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CULTURE/RECREATION

4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	950	850	950
4550-4559	Library	26,648	23,865	23,497
4583	Patriotic Purp.	400	100	400

DEBT SERVICE

4711	Princ.-Long Term Bonds & Notes	30,000	30,000	30,000
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	12,210	12,930	10,500
4723	Interest on Tans	25,000	11,613	35,000

CAPITAL OUTLAY

4901	Capital Improvmnt Office WA	6,002	7,952	3,300
4902	Equipment	5,250	3,386	5,250

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

4914	Truck/Salt/Sand/Spr	2,000	2,000	12,000
4915	Fire Truck	16,000	16,000	16,000
4916	To Expendbl. Trust Funds-Library WA	6,200	6,200	

TOTAL		1,278,782	1,387,325	1,329,717
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BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON
Estimated Revenue / Actual 1997 Receipts
Estimates Revenue January 1, 1998 - December 31, 1998

Acct. #	Purpose of Approp. (RSA 32:3,V)	Approp. Prior Yr . as Apprvd-DRA	Actual Expend. Prior Yr.	Approp. Ensuing Fisel (Recomnd)
TAXES				
3120	Land Use Change Taxes	4,500	40	2,650
3185	Yield Taxes	15,000	12,049	10,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes			
	Yield Tax		2,050	
3189	Other Taxes - Betterment	4,000	883	4,000
3190	Interest & Penalties on			
	Delinquent Taxes	108,000	117,514	117,000
	Inventory Penalties			350
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES				
3210	Business Licenses & Permits	1,560	1,374	1,300
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	155,000	172,767	172,000
3230	Building Permits	1,000	1,095	1,500
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	800	926	900
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT			
	WMNFPILT	12,400	11,333	11,300
	From State			
3351	Shared Revenues	38,825	42,132	41,500
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax	8,500	8,500	8,500
3353	Highway Block Grant	56,795	59,636	60,000
3354	Landfill Closure Grant		42,024	47,797
3357	Flood Control Reimb.- FEMA	1,950	6,504	
3359	Insurance Reimb.		15,905	12,000
CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
3401-3406	Income from Depts. & Closure	120,940	95,778	106,000
3409	Other Charges/PD	7,900	9,437	9,000
3409	PB/Welfare/Misc.	25,196	11,669	9,200
3503-3509	Other/School	10,824	10,899	10,800
INTERFUND OPERATING				
	Transfers IN			
3913	From Capital Proj. Funds	3,100	3,100	
3915	From Capital Res. Funds.		83,430	
3916	From Trust & Agcy. Funds	11,710	10,509	18,009
TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS		588,130	719,554	643,806

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT-1997

This has been a busy year at the Council. As we began our second year of operations from the Cottage at the Rocks, we reaffirmed the Council's commitment to serve community and regional needs.

The transportation committee has a busy agenda dealing with numerous local and regional projects. Highlights includes: participation in a three-state discussion focused on Route 2, planning and funding several major bridge projects, planning and coordinating trail systems as well as addressing regional rail issues. The Portland Natural Gas Pipeline occupied a lot of time as we worked with the Attorney General's Office and the communities along the proposed right of way dealing with location and mitigation issues. Work continued on the Route 16 Corridor Protection Project. Our two working groups from the 14 towns along the highway started to look at some of the potential actions that can be taken along the corridor and will be working towards guidelines and recommendations over the coming year. Major products of the Route 16 effort this past year were a tourism-scenic evaluation element and a design guidebook, both of which will be very useful to local planning boards. Transportation funding activities were a priority with the Council's Transportation Committee and By Way Council. During the year both committees solicited projects to be funded by the Transportation Enhancement Program and the Scenic By Way Program. Recommendations for funded projects were made to the state and federal agencies, results of those efforts will be known this spring.

The year saw the approval of our fifth EDA public works grant since 1991. The latest grant approved was to the Town of Colebrook. The Colebrook Grant brings NCC's twenty five-year record of EDA funding in the North Country to \$33 million. Work continues on the Haverhill and Lancaster EDA projects and is complete in North Conway and Littleton. The Council's new Economic Development Committee was formed and began meeting. Planning for the new North Country Regional Overall Economic Development Program began. New projects for EDA funding are now being solicited for inclusion in the O.E.D.P.

The NCC Business Resource Center opened and has been in use by area entrepreneurs for the last six months.

The Council continued its work representing the interests of the communities on the Connecticut River, and the region as a whole in the Fifteen Mile Falls Hydro Re-Licensing project. The Council was a key player in the negotiations and was able to represent community interest in the operating agreement, insuring that the present access/use continue and that reservoir levels and flow regime remain intact. This means that recreation activities and local tax revenue potential will be equivalent to present conditions. We

will continue to stay on top of this critical issue during the coming years.

This last year, the NCC Scenic and Cultural By Way Council adopted a Plan for the Regional By Way and developed a marketing publication which will be printed during the spring of 1998. In addition, the Council submitted a proposal to the Federal Highway Administration to have National Scenic By Way designation on the Kancamagus Highway expanded to include portions of Routes 302, 3, and I93 creating a continuous loop through the White Mountains. Work also continued on the Connecticut River Scenic By Way in cooperation with Vermont and Massachusetts

The Community Design Program at the Council provided design assistance to Jackson, Haverhill, Whitefield, Bethlehem, Colebrook, Lancaster and Littleton. GIS mapping continued for the entire North Country and individual projects were done for Lisbon, Littleton and Colebrook. The Council also hosted the Northeast Your Town Training Program. This unique program brought 30 local civic leaders and new planning professionals together with a national level community design faculty for a three-day intensive community design program. Support of public involvement in community decision making was provided to several towns through survey projects and local forums around the region.

Solid waste planning services continued at the Council with every town in the region getting support from the Council's solid waste staff. On a regional level, the Household Hazardous Waste Program is entering its eleventh year. A regional glass crushing program began; with the Town of Lancaster in the lead. Support was provided to the region's schools on recycling everything from paper to plastic to glass.

Local technical assistance has always been a mainstay of Council activity, and this last year was no different. The Council's grant-writing, planning and engineering staff worked with many of the regions 279 boards and councils on so many locally significant projects that they would be too numerous to mention. Libraries, industrial parks, ordinances, plans, site plan review, water and sewer feasibility, drainage projects, transfer stations, master plans, land development capability assessment, water access, road improvement and handicapped access were just a few of the results.

As the year came to a close, the Council forged a relationship with a sister region in the Czech Republic. As a result of this effort, we hope to have local officials, non-profits and businesses from the North Country working with peers in Europe developing mutually beneficial projects and establishing a connection for the North Country into the European Union. In November, a regional official from the Slovak Republic came to the office for a day and a similar dialogue is starting.

The end of the year also witnessed the kick off of a telecommunications initiative at the Council with support from Bell Atlantic, CDFA and other partners. This important activity is a result of 4 years of study and some intensive work during the last six months.

The Council is here to serve you. It is your organization. Our staff and board are committed to responding to community need. If there is a project or a need in your town, please call us. We are dedicated to both supporting our individual towns and promoting regional unity in the North Country. As a region, the North Country contains one third of the land mass of NH and one fifth of its municipalities.

Preston S. Gilbert
Executive Director

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

1997 ANNUAL REPORT

The Grafton County Board of Commissioners is pleased to present the following report and notes on financial statements. We hope it will increase your understanding of Grafton County's finances and operations and assure citizens that their County tax dollars have been expended wisely.

During FY1997, funds received exceeded the Budget by \$419,841.91 for a total of \$16,649,986.91 actual County revenues. This was primarily due to the receipt of a Medicaid Proportionate Share Payment, given by the Federal Government to partially offset the cost of serving a disproportionate share of Medicaid recipients at the Grafton County Nursing Home. The actual Medicaid Proportionate Share Payment was \$372,125. Actual expenditures totaled \$15,778,961.80, which was \$451,183.20 less than had been budgeted.

The bottom line for FY1997 shows that revenues exceeded expenditures by \$871,025.11, leaving the County in a sound financial position at the end of its fiscal year. The Commissioners feel extremely proud of this financial picture, which exemplifies good management by all County department heads, both elected and appointed.

Grafton County experienced some major occurrences during FY 1997, some of which were the hiring of a fund manager for the Grafton County Regional Economic Development Council; union activity was defeated in both the Sheriff's Department and the Nursing Home; the Grafton County Nursing Home entered a float in the 4th of July parade; construction of a new parking lot for Nursing County employees; the Nursing Home received a deficiency free survey; Family Court began in July, 1996; there were some repairs and painting done to the farm buildings; Charlie Page retired in May, 1997 from the Grafton County Farm after 38 years of service; Grafton County had all underground fuel tanks replaced in June, 1997; the Commissioners held their regular meetings in each of the three districts, with meetings being held in Bristol, Littleton and Lebanon.

All other County departments were extremely busy during FY 1997. The County Treasurer continues to do an excellent job in investing County funds, and investment income exceeded the County Budget figure by \$49,330.02. The County Attorney performs well in his office and the number of backlogged cases has been reduced drastically. His relationship with law enforcement agencies has improved the overall operations of his office. Once again, the activity in the Sheriff's Department, through Dis-

patch, increases with activity yet remains as effective and efficient as always. Carol Elliott, Register of Deeds, and her staff also continue to be overwhelmed with work and do an excellent job to generate a great deal of revenue for Grafton County and the State of New Hampshire.

For FY 1997, the Commissioners concluded with preparation of the FY 1998 County Budget, which was adopted by the County Legislation Delegation in late June.

The Grafton County Board of Commissioners holds regular weekly meetings at the County Administration Building on Route 10 just north of the County Courthouse in North Haverhill, with periodic tours of the Nursing Home, Department of Corrections, County Farm and Courthouse. The Commissioners also attend monthly meetings of the Grafton County Executive Committee. All meetings are public, with interested citizens and members of the press encouraged to attend. Call the Commissioners' Office at 787-6941 to confirm date, time and schedule.

In closing, we wish to express our appreciation to staff members, elected officials, other agency personnel and the public for their efforts in serving the citizens of Grafton County.

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Barbara B. Hill, Chair (District 1)

Steve Panagoulis, Vice-Chair (District 3)

Raymond S. Burton, Clerk (District 2)

PEMI-BAKER HOME HEALTH AGENCY

1997 has been a year of intense challenges for the Home Care Industry. Since President Clinton signed the Balanced Budget Act of 1996, home care has received a tremendous amount of attention from federal legislators and regulators on proposals to alter the payment, structure and guidelines of the home care benefit under Medicare. These sweeping changes, coupled with the impact of Managed Care, have enabled the Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency to reassess its internal processes, program development and implementation, and medical services offered to the community.

Services will be case managed in order to provide optimal assistance to those homebound patients who are unable to care for themselves while they are recuperating from an illness. Nothing about the quality of care will change but there will be decreases in the numbers of visits available to Medicare patients throughout the country. We are charged with caring for our patients and complying with new rules and regulations about how and when that care will be delivered. Our clinical staff has been working diligently to reorganize service delivery patterns. Administrative staff continues educational and procedural steps that will enable us to remain competitive and viable in the home health market. Pemi-Baker Home Health will continue to develop alliances with other not-for-profit home health agencies as well as other community healthcare facilities. Our future is collaboration and strengthening relationships with service providers in order to bring you the best care possible.

Our agency has had some major accomplishments over the past year. Several of our nurses have attained certificates in Hospice, Gerontology and other specialties. Staff at all levels receive ongoing training and education in the latest medical and management techniques. Skills are continually fine-tuned in order to bring our patients the most comprehensive care available in home health.

In July, we celebrated our 30th year bringing home care to Plymouth and the surrounding communities we serve. We have not only grown in numbers and visits but in compassion, understanding and love of what we do in bringing these services to those we serve. Our programs have expanded and we will continue to focus on and improve upon the much needed care that is delivered to those of all ages in their homes.

Our second year of fund-raising has been very successful and is helping to cover the costs of Hospice, Children's services and our Homemaker program. Funding is being reduced and some eliminated altogether but our community has joined together to help us continue to provide these programs. We wish to thank everyone who has helped make a difference.

There *will* be new design to home care nationwide. The Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency will be a part of that design which will enable us to guide our own destiny into the 21st century of quality healthcare.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Terrasi, *Exec. Director*
Roberta Beaudry, *Thornton Representative*

**PEMI-BAKER
YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES COUNCIL, INC.
1997 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Pemi-Baker Youth & Family Services Council, Inc. is an organization that is dedicated to promoting community-wide approaches which aid in the development of healthy youths and their families. The Council currently coordinates six programs which are available to people in Eastern Grafton County Lincoln to Alexandria):

1. Juvenile Court Diversion - a voluntary program for first-time juvenile offenders which holds them accountable for their actions without going to court. The process involves the participants with volunteers from the community who develop a contract with each youth and their family. Contracts may include community service, referrals to other agencies and programs, personal development tasks, etc. We have found that, of the youths who graduated from Diversion in 1995 and 1996, 92.5% have not committed a subsequent offense since, saving tens of thousands of dollars in court-ordered services.
2. OSS (Opportunities for Suspended Students) - Based on the Juvenile Court Diversion model, the Council has begun a pilot program to work with students and their families from Plymouth Regional High School who are at-risk of losing course credit due to repeated suspensions. This community-based approach connects families to services in the region which help the students and families develop their strengths.
3. The Challenge Course - a 15-hour early intervention program for teens which focuses on issues around alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Courses are non-judgmental and confidential. Teens in the small groups are asked to assess their relationships with these substances and learn what they can do to reduce their use or stop using entirely. Additional topics of discussion include high-risk behaviors and HIV/AIDS education.
4. The Rated PC Program - a program for parents and guardians who would like to learn more about alcohol and other drugs and how to talk with young people about these subjects. It also provides information on what they and their children can do to reduce the risk of ever experiencing an alcohol-related health or impairment problem.
5. OCTAA (On Campus Talking About Alcohol & Other Drugs) - offered

in cooperation with local police departments and Plymouth State College, OCTAA provides an effective educational opportunity for anyone between the ages of 18-21. This is also a lifetime risk-reduction program on the use and abuse of drugs.

6. **Information and Referral** - provides area residents with a clearinghouse of information on regional human service agencies and programs. People with a variety of needs can receive free and confidential assistance on how to access these resources. Callers in the past have requested information on how to report suspected child abuse, how to access public assistance or counseling services, where to find after-school activities for children, etc. The Council also distributed 750 comprehensive Guide to Community Resources in 1997 to help towns, police, schools and other human service providers find services for the people they work with. A more extensive guide will be published in February of 1998.

Total service figures for the Council in calendar year 1997 are as follows:

Juvenile Court Diversion	25
OSS Program (began 11/97)	4
Challenge Course	28
Rated PG (began 10/97)	6
Information and Referral	166
8th Grade Conference	200
OCTAA (began 10/97)	38

Respectfully submitted,

Steven P. Bradley
Executive Director

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 1997

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. works through its local programs to support the health and well being of our older citizens and to assist them to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible. Through eight locations throughout the County, including Plymouth, Bristol, Canaan, Lebanon, Orford, Haverhill, Littleton and Lincoln, older adults and their families are able to obtain community based long term care services such as home delivered meals, senior dining room programs, transportation, social work services, information and referral, health and educational programs, adult day care, recreation and opportunities to be of service to the community through volunteering.

During 1997, 64 older residents of Thornton were able to make use of one or more of GCSCC's services, offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center. These individuals enjoyed 1,062 balanced meals in the company of friends in a senior dining room, received 362 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers, were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 112 occasions by our lift-equipped buses, were helped through 773 visits by a trained social worker and found opportunities to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 736 hours of volunteer service. The cost to provide these services for Thornton residents in 1997 was \$8,897.47.

Community based services provided by GCSCC and its many volunteers for older residents of Thornton were often important to their efforts to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care despite chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars and contributing to the quality of life of our older friends and neighbors.

GCSCC very much appreciates the support of the Thornton community for services which enhance the independence and dignity of our older citizens and assists them to meet the challenges of aging in place.

Carol W. Dustin
Executive Director

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION
ANNUAL REPORT 1997

Please accept this letter as Tri-County Community Action Program's appropriation request for the Town of Thornton's 1998 budget.

Tri-County Community Action, a private, not-for-profit agency requests funding assistance for our Outreach Program in Thornton in order to provide necessary social services. For 1998, we would like to request \$590.00 from your town. This represents a modest 4% increase over the allocation which we received from the Town of Thornton for 1997.

The Thornton area is served by the CAP outreach office in the Whole Village Family Resource Center in Plymouth. Intake staff person Any Clark of Plymouth CAP has salary and office expenses paid for three (3) months of the year by the Fuel Assistance Program that we receive. The funds to keep the local CAP office open the remaining nine (9) months of the year come from your town and neighboring towns, from some of the Community Service Block Grant funds, and from some of the NH Emergency Shelter Grant funds.

We have seen a decrease in some of these funding sources, and an increase in demand for our social services in this area. Therefore, we are asking for your continued financial assistance and a small increase.

Statistical information on current clients and related information is not yet available. We will submit this information to you as soon as possible.

If you have questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact either of the Tri-County CAP staff listed below.

Sincerely,
Cecilia Vistica,
Grafton County Community Contact Manager

Phil Guiser,
Energy & Housing Director

PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT 1997 ANNUAL REPORT

The Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District Committee met seven times during the 1997 calendar year. The District continued its work of organizing the Household Hazardous Waste program for the 11 Pemi-Baker District towns and keeping each other apprised of recycling news and initiatives.

In June, the District held its biennial Household Hazardous Waste collection day. The collection sites were held at three district town's facilities (Ashland, Plymouth, and Campton/Thornton) where over 1950 gallons of materials were collected. Ashland, Campton/Thornton, Plymouth, and Rumney also collected paint and batteries for recycling year round resulting in a collection of an additional 500 gallons of paint. The District received grants from the State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Services to help cover the disposal and coordination costs of both programs.

This was our first year for a fluorescent light tube collection program. All the District's towns collected tubes at their facilities. In August and December the collected tubes were brought to the Plymouth facility where they were picked-up for recycling by Global Recycling Technologies. This was a very successful program as we recycled nearly 5000 feet of light tubes.

During the upcoming year the District committee will again organize and coordinate paint & battery and fluorescent light tube recycling and will continue to explore possible options for regional cooperative projects which could ultimately save the towns money on solid waste disposal, transportation, and recycling. Citizens interested in participating in the process are welcome to attend the District meetings. Each town received notices of upcoming meetings and information regarding the place and time of meetings should be available at your town offices.

Robert Berti, Chairman
Daniels Woods, District Coordinator

PLYMOUTH REGIONAL CLINIC

Plymouth Regional Clinic is requesting that area towns appropriate funds to the clinic in their FY 1998-99 budgets.

The Plymouth Regional Clinic is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization providing general medical care to area residents who have limited incomes and no health insurance. The clinic has been open one evening a week since July 1994 and has provided care for almost 900 patient visits.

We have seen patients of all ages and for varying medical complaints, from minor ailments to life-threatening illness, with many seeking treatment for illnesses or conditions which have gone unattended because the patient could not afford medical care. Our volunteer social workers have assisted many patients in identifying other available services which might help them. The enclosed brochure provides more information on our services and eligibility requirements.

Plymouth Regional Clinic has managed to keep its operating expenses low through the generous donation of in-kind services and space by Family Planning, Plymouth State College, Speare Memorial Hospital and area businesses; as well as the volunteer services provided by area physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, social workers and others. As in the past, the clinic is seeking funds for three main purposes, among others: to cover operating expenses such as insurance, medical and office supplies, and licensing fees; to hire a part-time administrator to ensure the clinic's effective ongoing operation; and to create a fund to allow the clinic to pay for patient prescriptions—one of the highest medical costs many patients face.

In order to raise the necessary funds, Plymouth Regional will solicit donations from area individuals and businesses, and will be applying for grant money. In addition, the clinic is requesting that area towns place in their budgets (for Fiscal Year 1999) an appropriation of \$1000 dollars, or any portion of this which the town feels is appropriate. It is hoped that the towns will realize some savings in the medical account of their welfare budgets due to the availability of the clinic's services.

If you have questions not addressed in the enclosed brochure or would like more information, please feel free to call the Clinic Administrator, Eileen Towne, at 536-4467.

We hope the towns will support our efforts to meet the medical needs of community members who cannot afford health care. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Vincent Scalese, Ed. D.
President, Board of Directors
Plymouth Regional Clinic

SPEARE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Office of Selectmen
Town of Thornton

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Speare Memorial Hospital, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Town of Thornton for your \$300 contribution to the hospital dated December 31, 1997.

The monetary support that SMH receives from the towns that we serve allows us to continually improve and add services. These contributions go far toward addressing the growing health care needs of the area communities.

Again, thank you for your generous contribution and continued interest in the future of Speare Memorial Hospital.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,
David L. Pearse, FACHE
Administrator/CEO

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF THORNTON NH FOR THE YEAR ENDING 12/31/97

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother
12/28/97	Plymouth	Casey Hart Marston	Anthony Osborn Marston	Traci Allen Marston
02/12/97	Plymouth	Abigail Leigh Downing	Chad Leslie Downing	Sherrie Lynn Downing
02/13/97	Plymouth	Noah James Bigl	George Wm. Bigl, Jr.	Susan Marie Bigl
03/3/97	Plymouth	Hannah Elise Gentile	Thomas Richard Gentile	Stacie Nicole Gentile
03/18/97	Laconia	Jamie Elizabeth McGarry	James Allen McGarry	Diane Louise McGarry
04/30/97	Plymouth	Douglas E. Mathews	Douglas Edward Mathews	Charlene Elizabeth Mathews
06/11/97	Plymouth	Caitlin Maria Magowan	Paul Robert Macgowan	Annette Maria Magowan
07/18/97	Laconia	Leeson Rosalin Adams	Jonathan Sherman Adams	Angela Marie Smith
08/02/97	Lebanon	Tucker William Newell	Roy Alden Newell	Sandra Marie Newell
09/21/97	Plymouth	Roy Gerald Hines	Steven Allen Hines	Mary Elizabeth Hines
11/08/97	Laconia	Taylor Nicole James	Frederic James III	Deborah Lynn Kincel

DEATHS REGISTERED TO THE TOWN OF THORNTON NH FOR YEAR ENDING 12/31/97

Dated of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Name of Father	Name of Mother
01/05/07	Thornton	Anna P. Braddock	87	Joseph Laliberte	Parmelia Lavoie
03/07/07	Manchester, NH	Katherine A. Ham	84	Willis Horner	Laura Gardner
05/11/97	Thornton	Harry E. Uhlman	90	Jacob Uhlman	Mary Bell
06/20/97	Thornton	Earl R. Adams, Sr.	63	Leslie C. Adams, Sr.	Evelyn M. Hussey
08/06/97	Plymouth	Anna Marie Ann Smith	91	Paul John	Mary Wood
08/10/97	Thornton	Julius A. Janis	81	Stanley Januszewski	Amelia Bugdanowicz
09/10/97	Thornton	Theodore C. Miner, II	27	Theodore Calvin Miner, Jr.	Sharon Denise Walsh
10/21/97	Thornton	Walter C. Cockshaw, Jr.	63	Walter C. Cockshaw	Mary Catherine David
11/25/97	Plymouth	Richard L. Pedrick	76	Laurence Pedrick	Elfiea Verchow
11/30/97	Plymouth	Marie Goffredo	89	Manuel Carvalho	Marie Ferrara

Marriages Registered In The Town of Thornton, N.H. For The Year Ending December, 31, 1997

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name of Groom	Name of Bride	Ceremony Performed by
Feb. 14, 1997	Plymouth	Stephen Karl Gagnon	Jamie Charlene Long	Scott A. Trendall
Feb. 16, 1997	Plymouth	John Daniel Campbell	Belinda Louise Bryant	Jeffrey Gaudet
Mar. 22, 1997	Thornton	Robert Edward Welch	Barbara Jean Marsh	Donald B. McGill
April 11, 1997	Thornton	Mark D. Arnold	Patricia Jane Hadley	Marianne Peabody
April 26, 1997	Thornton	Gard H. Aldridge	Natalie Jannell Haynes	Gary Rolph
May 20, 1997	Thornton	William E. Grady	Katherine Marie Kimmerle	Paul F. Karinja
May 31, 1997	Plymouth	Robert Raymond Ross, Jr.	Anita Catherine Gross	Robert F. Cole
June 7, 1997	Bretton Woods	Frederic James III	Deborah L. Kincel	Gary Rolph
July 11, 1997	Plymouth	Frank Joseph Thissel	Marjorie May Thisell	Scott A. Trendell
July 12, 1997	Thornton	Michael D. Peltier	Corinne E. Morrison	William H. Shontz
Aug. 9, 1997	Thornton	Shirley Dana Benton	Lisa Kim Thompson	Wm. H. Shontz
Sept. 20, 1997	Thornton	George Kenneth Smith	Diane Simone Dexter	Zdzislaw J. Bryl
Dec. 30, 1997	Thornton	Richard Allen Johnson	Kathleen Emma Ellsworth	Robert A. Chase

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR 'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen, Town of Thornton

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Thornton as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose Financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Thornton has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Thornton, as of December 31, 1996 and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Thornton. Such information has

been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated February 13, 1997 on our consideration of the Town of Thornton's internal control structure and a report dated February 13, 1997 on its compliance with laws and regulations.

February 13, 1997, PLODZIK & SANDERSON, Professional Association

EXHIBIT A - TOWN OF THORNTON

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Group December 31, 1996

	<u>Gvmmntl. Fund Type</u>			<u>Fiduciary</u> <u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Acct. Group</u> <u>Gen.</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>(Mem.)</u>
	<u>Genrl.</u>	<u>Special</u>	<u>Cap.</u>	<u>Trust</u>	<u>Long-Term</u>	<u>Only</u>
		<u>Rev.</u>	<u>Proj.</u>		<u>Debt</u>	
<u>ASSETS &</u>						
<u>OTHER DEBITS</u>						
<u>Assets</u>						
Cash & Equivalents	\$187,416	\$1,446		\$ 87,899		\$ 276,761
Investments	10,517		77,839	323,916		412,272
Receivables (Net of Allowances For Uncollectibles)						
Interest				828		828
Taxes	1,008,543					1,008,543
Spec. Assess. - Current	2,921					2,921
Spe. Assess. - Noncur.	21,891					21,891
Intergovernmental	317					317
Other Debits						
Amount Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt					563.160	563.160
TOTAL ASSETS						
& OTHER DEBITS	\$ 1,231.605	\$ 1,446	\$ 77.839	\$ 412.643	\$ 563.160	\$ 2,286.693
<u>LIABILITIE&EQUITY</u>						
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Accounts Payable	\$ 7,403					\$ 7,403
Retainage Payable			3,400			3,400
Intergov. Payable	1,187,729			55,399		1,243,128
Deferred Revenues	32,408					32,408
Gen. Oblig. Debt Payable					263,160	263,160
Accrued Landfill Closure and Postclosure Costs					300.000	300.000
Total Liabilities	1,227.540		3,400	55,399	563.160	1,849.499
<u>Equity</u>						
<u>Fund Balances</u>						
Resrvd. For Endowmt.				189,661		189,661
Resrvd. For Encumb.	10,400					10,400
Resrvd. For Spec. Purp.			74,439	167,583		242,022
Unreserved						
Desig. For Spec. Purp.		1,446				1,446
Undesignated (Deficit)	(6,335)					(6,335)
Total Equity	4,065		74,439	357.244		437.194
TOTAL LIABILITIES						
AND EQUITY	\$ 1,231,605	\$ 1,446	\$ 77,839	\$ 412,643	\$ 563,160	\$ 2,286.693

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TOWN OF THORNTON

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen - Town of Thornton:

We have audited the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Thornton, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996, and have issued our report thereon, which was qualified as indicated therein, dated February 13, 1997.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of the Town of Thornton is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of general-purpose financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Thornton for the year ended December 31, 1996, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general-purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

We noted certain matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions under standards

established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the general-purpose financial statements.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING RECORDS

The records maintained by the Town consist primarily of cash receipt and expenditure information maintained without the benefit of a full general ledger system. As a result, the present system being maintained is inadequate in order to prepare the annual State financial report (MS-5) at year end, which is utilized to set the annual tax rate.

To illustrate this fact, because this is the Town's initial independent audit, it is necessary to confirm beginning balances as of December 31, 1995. The following adjustments were required to restate the unreserved general fund balance as reported on the MS-5 on December 31, 1995.

Unreserved Fund Balance, as reported		\$ 412,467
<u>Adjustments - Additions (Deductions)</u>		
To adjust taxes receivable to actual	\$ (190,216)	
To set up a reserve for uncollectible taxes for bankruptcies and liens	(110,601)	
To record accounts payable at year end for goods and services received in 1995	(14,079)	
To record accounts due Town	360	
	<hr/>	
Total Net Adjustments		(314,536)

Adjusted Unreserved Fund Balance - December 31, 1995 \$ 97,931

Because Town Officials used \$161,667 of surplus funds towards the 1996 tax rate, predicated on the unreserved fund balance as reported, the effect was to actually place the Town in a deficit position by \$63,736, before closing the books at the end of 1996. As noted on the audited financial statements for 1996 (Schedule A-3), as a result of a net budget surplus of \$57,400, the Town is in a deficit position of \$6,336 as of December 31, 1996.

The Town presently has a part-time elected Treasurer who also actions as a part-time bookkeeper. The Office Manager prepares year-end financial reports from these records, which as previously stated, are maintained on a cash basis. We have advised the Office Manager to refrain from preparing the

MS-5 report at year end until proper adjusting journal entries are prepared to reflect accruals necessary to take the records from a cash basis to a modified accrual basis. Further, throughout the year, it would be advisable to record tax warrants when issued in the general ledger and balance the warrants on a routine basis, instead of just at year end. This is explained further below.

INVESTMENTS OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Effective August 9, 1996, legislation was enacted which requires municipalities to annually adopt investment policies for the investment of public funds. We suggest that responsible officials review this requirement as there was no indication that it is being followed.

In the case of trust funds, the Trustees are required to formally adopt an investment policy for all investments made by them or by their agents for any trusts in their custody. Such investment policy shall be reviewed and confirmed at least annually.

For funds in the custody of the Town Treasurer, the statute requires the Selectmen to annually review and adopt an investment policy in conformance with the provisions of applicable statutes.

For assistance, we suggest that officials review the cash management section of the aforementioned Financial Accounting Manual, particularly with respect to collateralization of Town funds.

TAX COLLECTOR'S NON-COMPLIANCE WITH STATE STATUTES

RSA 80:76 Tax Deed - This Statute requires the Tax Collector to issue a tax deed to the Town after 2 years from the execution of the lien, unless notified by the Selectmen otherwise. The following is a listing of tax liens receivable which, unless in bankruptcy proceedings, should be been deeded as of Dec. 31, 1996:

Year	Amount
1992	\$39,197
1991	\$26,231
1990	\$17,268
1989	\$4,398
1988	\$1,509
1987	\$112
1985	\$150
1982	\$29

RSA 80:61 Affidavit of Execution of Real Estate Tax Lien - An affidavit of execution of the tax lien to the Town shall be delivered by the Tax Collector on the day following the last date for payment of taxes as

stated in the notice of lien. This was not followed on a timely basis.

RSA 80:70 Notice of Redemption - When full redemption is made, the Tax Collector is required to notify the register of deeds within 30 days. We determined that this procedure was not followed 85% of the time in 1996.

TOWNCLERK

The Town Clerk maintains an adequate record keeping system. We do recommend, however, that a formal remittance advice slip be used when remitting monies to the Treasurer. Also, funds should be deposited with the Town Treasurer at least weekly and more often if more than \$500 is on hand.

ASSESSMENT RECORDS

Our random sampling of the property tax assessment cards disclosed that the cards are not up to date and do not reflect current valuations in some instances. Apparently, changes from the assessors are posted directly to the computer, without updating the assessment card. These cards should contain the current valuation of any taxpayer.

PAYROLL TAX REQUIREMENTS

We noted that the local auditor was paid through a vendor check as an independent contractor, therefore, no payroll taxes were withheld. All elected Town Officials must be paid through the payroll system, with normal payroll deductions withheld.

SUMMARY

The accounting process has become very extensive, even for the smaller communities. An effective system of internal control structure must be in place to ensure the integrity of the government's accounting and financial reporting. In order to ensure the technical assistance necessary to achieve satisfactory reliability of the financial statements which will include assistance in closing the Town's books at year end and assistance with the preparation of the annual State financial report, we strongly suggest that the Town have an annual independent audit. Elected officials would benefit from the assistance of independent auditors.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general-purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be reportable

conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above. However, we believe none of the reportable conditions described above is a material weakness.

This report is intended for the Information of management. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

February 13,1997

PLODZIK & SANDERSON
Professional Association

WATERVILLE ESTATES VILLAGE DISTRICT

*Waterville Estates
District Officers
1997*



MODERATOR

Karen Young

COMMISSIONERS

William Walker

Brian Young

Ed Cocci, Sr.

TREASURER

Ray Mosher

CLERK

D. Patricia Perry



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Commissioners
Waterville Estates Village District
Campton, New Hampshire 03223

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the various funds and account groups of Waterville Estates Village District for the year ended December 31, 1997, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Waterville Estates Village District as of December 31, 1997, and the results of its operations and changes in its fund balances for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Nathan Wechsler & Company

Concord, New Hampshire
January 19, 1998

WATERVILLE ESTATES VILLAGE DISTRICT

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

December 31, 1997

	ASSETS				Totals	
	General Fund	Fiduciary Fund	Account Groups		(Memorandum Only)	
			General Fixed Assets	Long-Term Debt	1997	1996
Cash	\$ 180,734	\$ 11,394	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 192,128	\$ 251,337
Taxes receivable, less allowance for uncollectible taxes of \$73,683	207,818	-	-	-	207,818	187,973
Fixed assets, at cost	-	-	2,803,065	-	2,803,065	2,588,552
Amounts to be provided for retirement of general long-term debt	-	-	-	1,607,598	1,607,598	1,535,332
Total assets	\$ 388,552	\$ 11,394	\$ 2,803,065	\$ 1,607,598	\$ 4,810,609	\$ 4,563,194
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY						
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,485
Notes and bonds payable	490,000	-	-	1,607,598	2,097,598	2,010,332
Deferred revenue	-	-	-	-	-	17,643
Total liabilities	490,000	-	-	1,607,598	2,097,598	2,032,460
COMMITMENT (See Notes)						
FUND EQUITY:						
Investment in general fixed assets	-	-	2,803,065	-	2,803,065	2,588,552
Unreserved:						
Designated for capital projects	-	11,394	-	-	11,394	10,293
Undesignated	(101,448)	-	-	-	(101,448)	(68,111)
Total fund equity (deficiency)	(101,448)	11,394	2,803,065	-	2,713,011	2,530,734
Total liabilities and						
					\$ 1,607,598	\$ 4,810,609
						\$ 4,563,194

WATERVILLE ESTATES VILLAGE DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL, GENERAL FUND Year Ended December 31, 1997

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Property taxes	\$ 754,220	\$ 729,220	\$ (25,000)
Proceeds from issuance of bonds	171,000	171,000	-
Miscellaneous income	17,068	17,650	582
Federal government	17,643	17,643	-
Interest income	3,500	9,378	5,878
FEMA income	12,758	-	(12,758)
<i>Total revenues</i>	<u>\$ 976,189</u>	<u>\$ 944,891</u>	<u>\$ (31,298)</u>
Expenditures:			
Management fee for maintenance of roads, water system and community property	\$ 388,850	\$ 388,850	\$ -
Road system maintenance	57,700	33,759	23,941
Water system maintenance	71,450	59,079	12,371
Debt service on District loans and bonds:			
1994 Ford truck, sander and plow (original borrowings of \$18,472)	6,942	6,942	-
1996 Case backhoe (original borrowings of \$35,997)	8,097	8,097	-
Community center complex (original borrowings of \$1,600,000)	156,078	156,078	-
Water project (original borrowings of \$355,000)	35,705	35,705	-
Interest on tax anticipation notes	26,600	22,293	4,307
Salaries for District commissioners	1,000	1,000	-
Legal expense	3,500	5,457	(1,957)
Accounting expense	3,000	3,012	(12)
FEMA expenses	36,267	36,477	(210)
Marketing	10,000	-	10,000
Septic system maintenance	6,966	6,966	-
Capital outlays			
Window replacement	-	30,000	(30,000)
Radios	-	6,296	(6,296)
Water system improvements	171,000	178,217	(7,217)
<i>Total expenditures</i>	<u>\$ 983,155</u>	<u>\$ 978,228</u>	<u>\$ 4,927</u>
<i>Excess of expenditures over revenues</i>	<u>\$ (6,966)</u>	<u>\$ (33,337)</u>	<u>\$ (26,371)</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year, as originally reported	39,937	39,937	-
Prior period adjustment	-	(108,048)	(108,048)
Fund balance (deficiency), beginning of year, as restated	39,937	(68,111)	(108,048)
<i>Fund balance (deficiency), end of year</i>	<u>\$ 32,971</u>	<u>\$ (101,448)</u>	<u>\$ (134,419)</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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WATERVILLE ESTATES VILLAGE DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Nature of the Organization

Waterville Estates Village District ("the District") is incorporated in the state of New Hampshire. Its original charge was to collect taxes and use those funds for the maintenance and improvement of common area roads and the water system within the District area. The District has also been established for the purposes of construction, maintenance and care of parks and commons; the maintenance of facilities for recreation; the control of pollen, insects and pests; and the appointment and employment of watchmen and police officers.

Note 2. Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting: The General Fund records are maintained on the modified accrual method of accounting, whereby tax revenue is recognized when levied and expenditures of the General Fund are recognized when incurred. Principal and interest payments on long-term debt are considered to be obligations of the General Fund in the year in which the amounts are due and payable.

Fund accounting: The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund or account group are summarized by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts which includes its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenses or expenditures. Resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The following funds and groups of accounts are used by the District:

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The Fiduciary Fund contains the capital reserve funds of the District. These funds are restricted for certain capital expenditures anticipated to be incurred.

The General Fixed Assets Account Group is used to account for fixed assets used in governmental function type operations for control purposes. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair value on the date of donation. No depreciation is recorded on general fixed assets.

The General Long-Term Debt Account Group is used to account for long-term liabilities to be financed from the General Fund.

Note 3. Property Taxes

The District levies property taxes which, in accordance with state law, are collected by the towns of Campton and Thornton and then remitted to the District.

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WATERVILLE ESTATES VILLAGE DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As of December 31, 1997, the District had taxes receivable from the towns of Campton and Thornton as follows:

Town of Campton 1992 taxes receivable	\$ 10,983
Town of Campton 1994 taxes receivable	22,830
Town of Campton 1995 taxes receivable	29,401
Town of Campton 1996 taxes receivable	27,050
Town of Campton 1997 taxes receivable	<u>86,490</u>
	176,754
Less: Reserve for uncollectible taxes - Town of Campton	<u>73,683</u>
	103,071
Town of Thornton 1996 taxes receivable	<u>104,747</u>
<i>Total</i>	<u>\$ 207,818</u>

Property tax revenue contained in the financial statements consists of the following:

1997 Town of Campton tax levy	\$ 590,948
1997 Town of Thornton tax levy	<u>163,272</u>
	754,220
Less: Town of Campton adjustment for uncollectible taxes	<u>25,000</u>
<i>Total</i>	<u>\$ 729,220</u>

Included in the financial statements at December 31, 1997 is \$7,361 of interest income received from the towns on the outstanding receivables. No accrued interest income has been reflected on the December 31, 1997 financial statements relating to the outstanding receivables.

Note 4. Fiduciary Fund

The District's capital reserve funds as of December 31, 1997 are detailed as follows:

Road reconstruction	\$ 1,500
District wells	1,500
Water distribution systems	3,878
Community center complex	<u>4,516</u>
<i>Total</i>	<u>\$ 11,394</u>

Activity for the capital reserve funds for the year ended December 31, 1997 was as follows:

Capital reserve funds, December 31, 1996	\$ 10,293
Interest income	<u>1,101</u>
<i>Capital reserve funds, December 31, 1997</i>	<u>\$ 11,394</u>

WATERVILLE ESTATES VILLAGE DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 5. General Fixed Assets

A summary of changes in general fixed assets is as follows:

	Balance, January 1, 1997	Additions	Retirements	Balance, Decem- ber 31, 1997
Improvements, well drilling	\$ 6,300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,300
Improvements, Great Brook storage tanks, pumps and dam	150,000	-	-	150,000
Property and equipment acquired from Winter Brook Water Company, Inc.	50,000	-	-	50,000
*Water-line extension	-	-	-	-
1980 Oshkosh	85,000	-	-	85,000
Swimming pool	94,952	-	-	94,952
Community center complex	1,600,000	-	-	1,600,000
Septic system for community center complex	21,240	-	-	21,240
Construction in progress, water system development	412,495	-	-	412,495
1993 Ford truck, sander and plow	30,364	-	-	30,364
Donation of land	11,000	-	-	11,000
Land	15,000	-	-	15,000
Carpeting	10,000	-	-	10,000
Kitchen improvements	30,000	-	-	30,000
1994 Ford truck, sander and plow	18,471	-	-	18,471
Indoor pool area roof repairs	9,887	-	-	9,887
Outdoor pool area improvements and perimeter drain	7,846	-	-	7,846
Case 580SL backhoe	35,997	-	-	35,997
Community center pool windows	-	30,000	-	30,000
Radios	-	6,296	-	6,296
Winter system upgrade	-	178,217	-	178,217
<i>Total</i>	\$ 2,588,552	\$ 214,513	\$ -	\$ 2,803,065

*Paid for by New Hampshire Savings Bank under an agreement with Winter Brook Water Company, Inc. at a cost of \$6,000, subsequently assigned to Waterville Estates Village District.

Note 6. Tax Anticipation Notes

The District has \$490,000 outstanding with three banks. The unsecured notes bear interest between 4.5% and 5.25% and are due on varying dates between January 15, 1998 and March 25, 1998. This debt is incurred in anticipation of collection of taxes for 1997. The debt has been incurred to pay current maintenance and operating expenses. Included in the financial statements for December 31, 1997 is \$22,293 of interest expense relating to tax anticipation notes.

WATERVILLE ESTATES VILLAGE DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 7. Changes in Notes and Bonds Payable

The following is a summary of notes and bonds payable for the year ended December 31, 1997:

	Notes Payable
Balance at January 1, 1997	\$ 1,535,332
New debt	171,000
Less principal payments made	(98,734)
<i>Balance at December 31, 1997</i>	<u>\$ 1,607,598</u>

Notes payable at December 31, 1997 are as follows:

Lease purchase, equipment dealer, with interest at 6%, payable in annual principal and interest installments of \$8,097, due January 2000	\$ 21,598
Bond payable, New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank, with interest at 4.7%-4.8%, payable in semiannual installments totaling approximately \$25,000 annually, including principal and interest, due August 15, 2007	171,000
Bond payable, New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank, with interest at 6.95%-7.85%, payable in semiannual installments totaling approximately \$156,000 annually, including principal and interest, due July 15, 2008	1,140,000
Bond payable, New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank, with interest at 5.0%-6.1%, payable in semiannual installments totaling approximately \$35,000 annually, including principal and interest, due January 15, 2013	275,000
<i>Total</i>	<u>\$ 1,607,598</u>

The annual debt service requirements of the District's outstanding debt as of December 31, 1997 are as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
1998	\$ 113,199	\$ 110,940	\$ 224,139
1999	122,199	103,370	225,569
2000	127,200	96,137	223,337
2001	125,000	87,470	212,470
2002	135,000	79,233	214,233
Thereafter	985,000	280,523	1,265,523
<i>Total</i>	<u>\$ 1,607,598</u>	<u>\$ 757,673</u>	<u>\$ 2,365,271</u>

Note 8. Commitment

The District has contracted with Waterville Estates Association to provide certain management and maintenance services on behalf of the Village District through June 30, 1998. The fee for such services amounted to \$388,850 for the year ended December 31, 1997.

WATERVILLE ESTATES VILLAGE DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 9. Property Damage

During October 1995, the District experienced severe weather. The weather caused extensive damage to various roads and properties of the District. Grafton County (which the District is in) was declared a disaster area by the federal government and the state of New Hampshire. With this declaration, the District became eligible for funds to make repairs from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the state of New Hampshire (FEMA is responsible for 75%, the state of New Hampshire 12.5%, and the District 12.5%).

During 1997, the District spent \$36,477 on repairs caused by this severe weather. At January 19, 1998, the District had not yet received the state of New Hampshire funds for which it is eligible.

Note 10. Concentration of Credit Risk

The District maintains cash in one bank which exceeded the federally insured limit at various times during the year. The total amount by which cash on deposit exceeded the federally insured limits was approximately \$73,000 on December 31, 1997.

Note 11. Prior Period Adjustment

Opening fund balance (deficiency) for the General Fund is being restated for the following:

Town of Campton prior-year tax abatements not previously recognized	\$ 54,444
Town of Campton reserve for uncollectible taxes not previously recognized	35,961
Prior-year FEMA income received in excess of expenses	<u>17,643</u>
Total	<u>\$ 108,048</u>

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

To the Commissioners
Waterville Estates Village District
Campton, New Hampshire 03223

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Nathan Wechsler & Company

Concord, New Hampshire
January 19, 1998

WATERVILLE ESTATES VILLAGE DISTRICT

SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE OF ROAD AND WATER SYSTEM
MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES, GENERAL FUND
Year Ended December 31, 1997

Road system expenses:	
Special projects	\$ 1,294
Repairs, small equipment, supplies	31,877
Miscellaneous	<u>588</u>
Total road system expenses	<u>\$ 33,759</u>
Water system expenses:	
Special projects	\$ 21,664
Repairs, small equipment, supplies	7,610
Electricity	23,133
Telephone alarm system	5,885
Miscellaneous	<u>787</u>
Total water system expenses	<u>\$ 59,079</u>



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THORNTON
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THORNTON SCHOOL REPORT

OFFICERS OF THE THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board	Term Expires
Leslie Uhlman	1998
Denise Downing	1998
Kathy Uhlman	1999
Flora Boyce	1999
Ralph Bradley	2000

Clerk
Jayne Brown

Treasurer
Jayne Brown

Moderator
Robert Gannett

Superintendent
John W. True, Jr.

Assistant Superintendent
Mark Halloran

Assistant Superintendent
Donna Marsden

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING
THORNTON CENTRAL SCHOOL
MARCH 8, 1997**

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 A.M. by Moderator Robert Gannett. A motion was then made to allow people who are not registered voters in the Town of Thornton to speak at the meeting. This motion was seconded and passes by voice vote. The following School Board Members were present: Ralph Bradley, Mary MacLeod, John Taffner, Kathy Uhlman, and Leslie Uhlman. The meeting began with the reading of the warrant. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the warrant, was seconded, and was passed by voice vote. The meeting progressed to Article 1.

Article 1: To see what action the District will take relative to the reports of agents, auditors committees and officers. A motion was made and seconded to accept the article. There was no discussion and the article passed by voice vote.

Article 2: To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board under RSA 198:20-b, to apply for, accept and expend, without further action of the school District meeting, money from any source which becomes available during the fiscal year provided that such expenditures be made for purposes for which a school district may appropriate money and that such expenditures not require the spending of other school district funds. A motion was made and seconded to accept the article. There was no discussion and the article passed by voice vote.

Article 3: To see if the District will vote to establish a contingency fund in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated 198: 4-b, such contingency fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year and, further, to see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for such contingency fund. (The School Board recommends this appropriation. Majority vote required.) A motion was made and seconded to accept the article. There was no discussion and the article passed by voice vote.

Article 4: To see if the Thornton School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Thornton School Board and the Thornton Support Staff Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
1997-1998	\$6,668
1998-1999	\$5,234

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand six hundred sixty-eight (\$6,668) for the 1997-1998 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (The School Board recommends this appropriation. Majority vote required.) A motion was made and seconded to accept this article. There was no discussion and the article passed by voice vote.

Article 5: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million seven hundred fifty-nine thousand two hundred sixty-three dollars (\$1,759,263) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials, employees and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, which includes the sums found in Articles 3 and 4. (The School Board recommends this appropriation. Majority vote required). A motion was made and seconded to accept this article. A motion was then made to amend the dollar amount of the article from \$ 1,759,263 to \$1,805,282. A motion was made and seconded to accept the amendment. The amendment to the article was passed by voice vote and now reads:

Article 5: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million eight hundred five thousand two hundred eighty-two dollars (\$1,805.282) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials, employees and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, which includes the sums found in Articles 3 and 4. (The School Board recommends this appropriation. Majority vote required). After some discussion the article passed by voice vote.

Article 6: To transact any further business which may legally come before this meeting. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 A.M. by Moderator Robert Gannett.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jayne S. Brown, *Clerk*
Thornton School District

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Thornton qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Municipal Building in said District on the tenth day of March, 1998 at 8:00 in the morning to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the coming year.
3. To choose a Treasurer for the coming year.
4. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
5. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing two years.

Polls will not close before 7:00 pm

Given under our hands at said Thornton the 18th day of February, 1998.

Ralph Bradley
Kathy Uhlman
Flora Boyce
Denise Downing
Leslie Uhlman

A true copy of warrant attest:

Ralph Bradley
Kathy Uhlman
Flora Boyce
Denise Downing
Leslie Uhlman

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Thornton, in the County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Thornton Central School on Saturday, the seventh day of March, 1998 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To see what action the District will take relative to the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers.

Article 2: To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board under RSA 198:20-b to apply for, accept and expend, without further action of the school District meeting, money from any source which becomes available during the fiscal year provided that such expenditures be made for purposes for which a school district may appropriate money and that such expenditures not require the spending of other school district funds.

Article 3: To see if the District will vote to establish a contingency fund in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated 198:4-b, such contingency fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year and, further, to see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for such contingency fund. *(The School Board recommends this appropriation.)*

Article 4: To see if the Thornton School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Thornton School Board and the Thornton Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
1998-1999	\$24,568

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-four thousand five hundred sixty-eight dollars (\$24,568) for the 1998-1999 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. *(The School Board recommends this appropriation.)*

Article 5: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-four thousand five hundred forty-seven dollars (\$24,547) for the purpose of upgrading the efficiency of the electrical lighting systems, inside and outside of the school building, by replacing existing fixtures and bulbs. Four thousand nine hundred nine dollars (\$4,909) of said sum to be received

as a rebate from the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (*The School Board recommends this appropriation.*)

Article 6: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand two hundred eighty-five dollars (\$6,285) for the purchase of two (2) computers for special education students and further to authorize the withdrawal of said sum from the Special Education Capital Reserve Fund. (*The School Board recommends this appropriation.*)

Article 7: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million nine hundred sixteen thousand six hundred eighty-eight dollars (\$1,916,688) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials, employees and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, which includes the sums found in Articles 3,4,5 and 6 and includes sums previously approved for salaries. (*The School Board recommends this appropriation.*)

Article 8: Move that the... School District vote to support the adoption of legislation, currently being considered in the House of Representatives, that would allow parental choice of public and private schools, if such new legislation would permit local option. [The bill allows school districts to vote to reimburse parents for public, non-public and home school tuition, and expenses.] (*Submitted by petition*)

Article 9: To transact any further business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands this 20th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-eight.

Ralph Bradley
Kathy-Jean Uhlman
Flora L. Boyce
Denise M. Downing
Leslie M. Uhlman
Thornton School Board

A true copy of warrant attest:

Ralph Bradley
Kathy-Jean Uhlman
Flora L. Boyce
Denise M. Downing
Leslie M. Uhlman
Thornton School Board

THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

1997-1998 BUDGET DATA

YEAR 99 BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF Thornton

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Acct. No.	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 31:4)	Warr Art. #	Expenditures for Year 7/1/96 to 6/30/97	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)
INSTRUCTION (1000-1999)			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
1100-1199 Regular Programs		4	710,879.00	736,157.00	753,124.00	
1200-1299 Special Programs		4,6	201,630.00	204,297.00	206,119.00	
1300-1399 Vocational Programs			0.00	0.00	0.00	
1400-1499 Other Instruct. Programs			14,925.00	18,856.00	24,439.00	
1600-1699 Adult/Continuing Education			0.00	0.00	0.00	
SUPPORT SERVICES (2000-2999)			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Pupil Services			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2110-2119 Attendance & Social Work			0.00	0.00	0.00	
2120-2129 Guidance		4	41,798.00	43,440.00	43,650.00	
2130-2139 Health			23,015.00	23,614.00	27,070.00	
2140-2149 Psychological			10,290.00	10,290.00	11,590.00	
2150-2159 Speech Path & Audiology			29,160.00	32,094.00	31,986.00	
2190-2199 Other Pupil Services			2,078.00	775.00	875.00	
Instructional Staff Services			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2210-2219 Improvement of Instruc.			15,870.00	15,071.00	14,600.00	
2220-2229 Educational Media			10,845.00	15,831.00	12,698.00	
2290-2299 Other Instruc. Staff Services			0.00	0.00	0.00	
General Administration			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2310 School Board			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2310 870 Contingency		3	30.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
2310-2319 ALL Other Objects			19,129.00	19,148.00	17,323.00	
Office of the Superintendent			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2320 351 SAU Management Services			63,933.00	62,348.00	64,367.00	
2320-2329 ALL Other Objects			0.00	0.00	0.00	
2330-2339 Special Area Adm. Serv.			0.00	0.00	0.00	
2390-2399 Other Gen. Adm. Services			0.00	0.00	0.00	
2400-2499 School Administrative Services			103,769.00	111,558.00	111,647.00	
Business Services			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2520-2529 Fiscal			0.00	0.00	0.00	
2540-2549 Operation & Maint. of Plant		5	96,258.00	124,190.00	121,894.00	

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2550-2559	Pupil Transportation		72,539.00	72,850.00	74,550.00	
2590-2599	Other Business Services		0.00	0.00	0.00	
600-2699	Managerial Services		0.00	0.00	0.00	
900-2999	Other Support Services		0.00	0.00	0.00	
000-3999	COMMUNITY SERVICES		0.00	0.00	0.00	
000-4999	FACILITIES ACQUISIT. & CONSTRUCTION		5,598.00	0.00	24,547.00	
OTHER OUTLAYS (5000-5999)			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5100 830	Debt Service - Principal		135,000.00	180,000.00	180,000.00	
5100 840	Debt Service - Interest		30,616.00	24,703.00	12,734.00	
5100 900	Sale of Bond		0.00	0.00	0.00	
Fund Transfers			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5220	to Federal Projects Fund		4,000.00	4,000.00	67,200.00	
5230	To Capital Projects Fund		0.00	0.00	0.00	
5240	To Food Service Fund		78,245.00	76,535.00	145,275.00	
5241-5249	To Special Revenue Funds (including Revolving Funds)		35,525.00	28,525.00	0.00	
5250-5254	To Capital Reserve Fund		0.00	0.00	0.00	
5255	To Health Maint. Trust Fund		0.00	0.00	0.00	
5256-5259	To Other Trust Funds		0.00	0.00	0.00	
SUBTOTAL 1			7 1,705,132.00	1,805,282.00	1,916,688.00	
Please note: "Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles", which are addressed on the following page. Examples of individual warrant articles include: 1) ratification of negotiated cost items for multiple year Labor agreements; 2) contingency appropriations; 3) supplemental appropriations for the current year for which funding is already available; and 4) deficit appropriations for the current year which must be funded through taxation.						
Acct No.	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 31:4)	Warr Art. #	Expenditures for Year 7/1/96 to 6/30/97	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)
INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES						
	Contingency Fund	3			included in Subtotal 1	
	Collective Bargaining Increases	4			included in Subtotal 1	
	Equipment Purchase	6			included in Subtotal 1	
SUBTOTAL 2 Recommended			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32.3, VI, as 1) Petitioned warrant articles; 2) an article whose appropriation is raised by bonds or notes; 3) an article which calls for an appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; and 4) any article designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

Acct. No.	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 31.4)	Warr Art. #	Expenditures for Year 7/1/96 to 6/30/97	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)
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SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Adoption of Legislation (petition) 8

SUBTOTAL 3 Recommended	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
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BUDGET SUMMARY

SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 2)	1,916,688.00
SUBTOTAL 2 "Individual" warrant articles Recommended (from page 2)	included in Subtotal 1
SUBTOTAL 3 Special warrant articles Recommended (from above)	included in Subtotal 1
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	1,916,688.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues (Exclusive of Property Taxes)	336,257.00
Amount of Taxes To Be Raised for School District Assessment	1,580,431.00

HELP! We ask your assistance in the following. If you have a Line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the Line total for the ensuing year.

Account No.	Warrant Article Number	Amount	Account No.	Warrant Article Number	Amount
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YEAR 98 BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF Thornton

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Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr Art. #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenue Current Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensuing Fiscal Year
REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3110	Foundation Aid		40,500.00	7,327.00	5,336.00
3210	School Building Aid			58,696.00	58,696.00
3220	Area Vocational School				0.00
3240	Catastrophic Aid				0.00
3250	Adult Education				0.00
3270	Child Nutrition		1,343.00		0.00
	Kindergarten Aid		12,500.00	16,500.00	15,750.00
	Other State Aid (Specify) Gas Tax		765.72	200.00	500.00
REV. FROM FEDERAL SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4110	ECIA, Chapter I and II		3,000.00	4,000.00	3,500.00
4130	Vocational Education		0.00	0.00	0.00
4150	Adult Education		0.00	0.00	0.00
4160	Child Nutrition Programs (inc 1900)		28,547.00	76,535.00	96,750.00
4170	Handicapped Programs		0.00	0.00	0.00
	Federal Forest Land		10,944.92	11,506.00	10,268.00
	Other Fed Sources (Identify) Medicaid		8,809.24	5,800.00	8,000.00
	Other Federal/State Grants		10,086.99	0.00	63,700.00
LOCAL REV. OTHER THAN TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
100	Sale of Bonds or Notes		0.00	0.00	0.00
230	Transfer from Capital Projects Fund		0.00	0.00	0.00
240	Transfer from Capital Reserve Fund		0.00	0.00	6,285.00
245	Transfer from Expend Trust Fund		0.00	0.00	0.00
310-1360	Tuition		17,975.72	0.00	16,716.00
310-1599	Earnings on Investments		996.65	750.00	750.00
310-1799	Public Activities		0.00	0.00	0.00
	Other Local Sources (Identify) OT/WC/Coop Rebate		6,517.04	2,500.00	7,409.00
311900	Sale from Food Service		26,736.36	0.00	0.00

YEAR 98 BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF Thornton			MS26		
Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr Art. #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenue Current Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensuing Fiscal Ye
This Section for Calculation of Reimbursement					
Anticipation Notes (RAN) Per RSA 198:20-D for					
Catastrophic Aid Borrowing					
RAN, Revenue This FY _____ Less _____					
RAN, Revenue Last FY _____ = _____					
NET RAN _____					
Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)					
Unreserved Fund Balance _____ 35,086.77 _____ 33,109.00 _____ 42,59					
Appropriations Voted From "Surplus" _____ XXXXXXXXXX _____					
"Surplus" Used in Prior Year to Reduce Taxes _____ XXXXXXXXXX _____ XXXXXXXXXX					
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS _____ 203,809.41 _____ 216,923.00 _____ 336,25					

THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET

	General	Special Rev.	Capt. Proj.	Food Service	Capital Res.
Assets					
Current Assets					
Cash	95,781.04		732.97	35,336.61	
Investments					56,831.78
Interfund Rec	1,847.42				
Intergov't Rec		2,212.55		5,205.00	
Other Receivables	50.00				
Prepaid Expenses	669.10				
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Total Current Assets	98,347.56	2,212.55	732.97	40,541.61	56,831.78
Total Assets	98,347.56	2,212.55	732.97	40,541.61	56,831.78
 Liab & Fund Equity					
Current Liabilities					
Interfund Payables		1,847.42			
Other Payables	6,940.59			17.60	
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Deferred Revenues	11,506.37				
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Total Liabilities	18,446.96	1,847.42		17.60	
 Res For Encumbrances					
Res For Encumbrances	46,791.56	784.59			
Res For Spec Purp				56,831.78	
Unres Fund Balance	33,109.04	(419.46)	732.97	40,524.11	
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Total Fund Equity	79,900.60	365.13	732.97	40,524.11	56,831.78
Tot Liab & Fund	98,347.56	2,212.55	732.97	40,541.71	56,831.78
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 Current Approp					
Total Taxes	1,555,076.00				

THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Itemization of Payables

Adam, Jonathan	527.00
Albert D. Whetstone, Ph.D	1,075.00
Bell	157.96
Bemis Septic Service	800.00
Benton, Shirley	400.00
Campton Cupboard	4.95
Citizen Publishing Company, The	23.12
Handyman Hardware	59.49
Lacourse Building	500.00
Lakes Region Coca-Cola	1,000.00
Melanson Roofing Company	1,198.00
Moore Medical Corp.	80.63
Mountain Media, Inc.	40.00
North Country Education	9.00
Plymouth Paint and Wallpaper	30.79
Plymouth Psychology Center, PA	71.56
School Administrative Unit #48	62.50
Sleeper, Mae	12.65
Steven J. Smith & Associates	360.00
Tenney Mountain Taxi	309.92
Thornton Central School	184.62
Union Leader Corporation	51.00

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT THORNTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

I would like to take this opportunity to submit my first annual report as principal of Thornton Central School.

Our school was honored by the State Department of Education for the third year with a Gold Circle Award for its partnership with the Thornton Police Department. We received a ten thousand dollar grant from the Walker Foundation to create a Global Habitat Partnership with our sister schools in Campton and Rumney.

In a continued effort to work with the community, our teachers received a grant to conduct an evening reading enrichment project held monthly in the public library. We also put together a cooperative proposal with A.D.A.P.T. to help keep our after school and summer programs on line.

We have successfully kept our community-school theme running with the publications of "Bridges" which is mailed to all residents of Thornton. This is funded by Tri-County CAP and advertisements from local businesses.

Our holiday concerts were well attended and we are attempting to establish a Thornton Community Band to expand on the positive impact of our music programs. The holiday luncheon for area seniors was also a great success.

Thornton Central School is now a partner school with the Mount Washington Observatory. Through this project we have received funding for a digital weather station and staff/school trips to the top of the North East for scientific explorations. We are in the process of establishing a partnership program with Thornton's own Hubbard Brook Station which would create a monitoring station here at Thornton Central School.

Our Odyssey of the Mind Team is set to go for the spring competition, athletic teams are operating at full capacity and the Young Authors Conference is being set in motion for April

Thornton Central School staff continues to focus on academic excellence and improvement of pedagogical methods. They have been actively involved in seminars, workshops, and courses to become better educators. The trickle down effect can be witnessed by the successes of our students in the real world. We continue to expand our horizons to make our students productive citizens in a changing society.

I would like to personally thank the community, staff, parents, school board, and all of those involved with the education of children in Thornton for their continued support of our school

Respectfully,

signature

Harold Tuttle

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Most of the school budgets within SAU #48 are either down or up a very small percentage. Increases in foundation aid (sweepstakes), new state revenues for kindergarten, and our success in increasing revenues through Medicaid for special education have done much to assist us in our budgets. Members of our boards have been adamant that these new found revenues not be spent, but be returned to the taxpayer as tax relief. The restraint shown by our board members speaks highly of their concern for and sensitivity to our communities. In addition, some of our computer specialists have been successful at writing grants for computer equipment. This also reduces, to a degree, some pressure on our budgets. These educators are heartily thanked for their efforts. We hope that as the Legislature grapples to resolve the Supreme courts ruling on the Claremont Decision [that an adequate education must be provided to all children in New Hampshire and that taxation for education needs to be comparable from Town to Town] that legislators will find a way to increase local tax relief rather than reduce it.

Research shows that small class sizes in Grades K-2 results in improved student achievement. Even as our boards have pursued fiscal restraint, they have placed an emphasis on small class sizes in grades K, 1 and 2. Although this is not always possible, it is a philosophical direction that has been embraced by our boards. We believe that it will improve the quality of classroom instruction, enhance student achievement as well as perhaps provide the individual attention that some students need in order to gain their basis skills more quickly and solidly.

Much work has been done by many of our teachers throughout the SAU in developing K-12 curriculum. This spring our boards will be asked to approve this curriculum for implementation SAU wide. We are also busily reviewing and refining curricula for mathematics and social studies. In addition, this summer we will start work on the science curriculum. Our SAU has made great strides in developing coordinated curriculum for grades K-12. This provides for a smooth transition from our elementary schools to our high school.

We recognize that there are many feelings regarding the need for addition/renovations in both Wentworth and at the High School. Regardless of your final decision on how to vote, we encourage you to find out as much as you can about the building committee's proposals.

This has been a particularly difficult year for the high school. During the past few years we have and will continue to receive anywhere from 40 to 50 new students. This unfortunately has required staffing additions as well as a greater number of books and materials. This has created financial as well as space pressures at the high school. The building administration has done a remarkable job of maximizing the use of any and all space that exists in the building. You are welcome at any time to call 536-1444 to make an appointment with Bruce Parsons, Principal or Rick Knowles, Assistant Principal to tour the building during the school day when students are there.

As always, I am grateful for the contributions that our community members, board members, professional and support staff make to our schools. There is a strong desire in our communities for quality education which is refreshing and I am deeply appreciative of the support and encouragement that many of you have extended to me.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. True, Jr.

Superintendent of Schools

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE THORNTON SCHOOL NURSE 1997-98

As the first full time school nurse at Thornton Central School I would like to submit this Annual Report for the 1997-98 school year. Our current enrollment is 211 children in grades kindergarten through eight. Visits to the Health Office for illness, injury, and/or some screening numbered 588 for September and October of 1997.

All charts have been reviewed for compliance with state immunization laws and all are in compliance as of December 31, 1997. Notification has been sent home to all Parents of K-4 students who are missing a copy of a physical exam by a physician or a birth certificate in their health records.

On average I dispense 10 medications per day including daily prescription drugs and occasional meds that are given as needed only for pain or headache.

I reviewed Universal Precautions with faculty again this year and was involved in getting Speare Memorial Hospital to donate six fanny packs to the school for gloves and gauze in case of a bleed for those on playground duty. Also, I keep the new walkie-talkie in the Health Office for use by those who are on playground duty in case of an accident.

Mrs. Martha Tuttle and I screened the entire student body for head lice in October and initially found only four cases and two more at later times. Mrs. Kathy Uhlman, the library helped me to access a lot of information via the internet on head lice control and prevention, and we discovered that the National Pediculosis Association, a national nonprofit organization, has advocated a "NO NIT" policy such as the one that we have here at Thornton Central School. We have had some cases of head lice which have required more than one treatment with a pesticide and a lot of combing to eliminate the nits (eggs), so if you have any question about whether a child in your household has head lice, please call or stop into the Health Office.

I have started vision and hearing screening and heights and weights which will be completed on all first through eighth graders by the end of the school year. Scoliosis and blood pressure screening will be done on fifth through eighth graders also.

Dr. Alan Rosen of the Tecumseh Health Center volunteered to provide free limited pre-sport physical exams for all fifth and seventh graders and did this on December 17, 1997. Thanks to Mrs Maureen Tower for her help with this. In the spring Plymouth Pediatrics will provide free sports physicals for all eighth graders who are interested in participating in high school sports programs.

As the school nurse I prepared a budget for the Health Office for the 1998-99 school year and I order supplies and medications as needed for the Health Office during the year.

In the Spring I plan to offer a free MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella) Clinic along with help from Pemi Baker Rome Health for all sixth graders who are required by the state to receive this immunization prior to entering seventh grade. This year I plan to ask Pemi Baker about providing Tetanus Booster shots for those students who have not received this immunization in the past ten years , as this is a new state requirement as of October 1996.

I set up and attended all Puberty Health Classes as required in our health curriculum for fifth through eighth graders. These were provided by Mrs. Lauren Corliss, a health educator from Ammonoosuc Community Health in November of 1997. I am now setting up a three day nutrition class for the fifth graders along with Kathy Lutter of Speare Memorial Hospital. All grades have been provided a brief class on hand washing except for the fourth grade.

I administer the Free and Reduced Lunch Program along with the kitchen staff and do seem to spend alot of time trying to ensure that the children eat at least two square meals a day.

In May I will participate in the Pre-Kindergarten screening of children who plan to attend Thornton Central School in the Fall of 1998. I will take this opportunity to remind parents that a copy of a birth certificate id a physical exam As a school nurse I am required to report certain Communicable Diseases to the State Department of Health and Human Services and recently attended a seminar on reporting and tracking vaccine-preventable diseases.

I also attend monthly meetings of the School Nurses in SAU #48. So far we have updated the Physician's Report of Physical Exam Form which physicians send to us by expanding room for immunizations. Starting in the Fall of 1998 all children born after January 1, 1993 will be required to be immunized against Hepatitis B which requires completion of a series of three shots over approximately six months. I urge you to call the Health Office at 726-8904 if you have any questions regarding state immunization requirements and please have a safe and healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth G. Mills, RN, BSN
School Nurse

**THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
1997 GRADUATES**

Shana Ann Amirault
Gary William Anderson
Kristina Marie Boyce
Tenner Jack Bradley
Philip James Brouillard
Ward A. Burke
Justin Lee Carpenter
Bryce Rodney Currier
Samantha Jolene Day
Sara Lynne Duprey
Matthew Mark Durrell
Natasha Erika Fossick
Allison Marie Havlock
Eric Daniel Helgersen
Meghan R. Henderson
Ardell Jamie-Rose Huges
Derek Alan Kracoff
Kristy Lynn Leonard
Kelsey Hyesun March
Megan Alyssa McQueeney
Bonnie Jeanne O'Dell
Matthew John Orszulak
Brian Keith Plant
Anders Christen Solberg
Charlie Sweet
Nichole Sue Toolin
Michael Joseph Wallace

**THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT 1997**

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Thornton School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 1997, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Thornton School District management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the General Fixed Assets Account Group, which should be included to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amounts that should be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group are not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the general-purpose financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Thornton School District as of June 30-, 1997, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The individual and combining fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

**GRZELAK AND COMPANY, P.C., CPAs
Laconia, New Hampshire - October 11, 1996**

A copy of the audited financial statements and other financial information for the 1996-1997 fiscal year may be reviewed at the Superintendent of Schools Office.

NOTES
